



The PRESERVATION of Sir RICHARD MAC GWIRE.

ON Thursday the 12th of May, 1785, Mr. MAC GWIRE, then a student in the University of *Dublin*, ascended from the barrack of that city, in lieu of a gentleman of the name of CROSBIE, who had constructed a large balloon, and proposed to ascend himself; but had the mortification to be disappointed from the weight of his person. The balloon at first took a westerly direction over the country; 'till a higher current of air carried it easterly, and over the sea. Mr. M^cG. observing the balloon to be greatly distended, endeavoured to relieve it by opening the valve, but unfortunately the rope broke, and presently after the balloon burst. At this interesting moment, he noted the barom. to stand at 20 inches, and the therm. at 32; this latter being the freezing point surprized him much, as he did not feel a corresponding coldness in his person.

Perceiving that he still ascended, he determined if possible to let more gas escape, and with great difficulty contrived to reach and make several punctures in the balloon; in consequence of which it descended with such velocity as to throw him out of the car or boat, and immediately re-ascending, the suspending ropes held him by one foot, with his head lying in the water; but by a desperate effort his shoe providentially came off, and he disengaged himself. All his endeavours to overtake the balloon were fruitless; and he could not see the land. Being an excellent swimmer, he turned upon his back to rest himself, and was *inly ruminating* what course to pursue, when he was aroused by a cheer from the crew of the *Blithe Anne**, who happily preserved him, and brought him on shore; where his Grace the late Duke of RUTLAND, then Lord Lieutenant, and her Grace the Duchess, received him with that politeness and attention for which they were so justly distinguished: he was immediately conveyed to town by Mr. UNTACKER, in her Grace's carriage. Indeed the dangerous situation of Mr. M^cG. was sensibly felt by all, and most of the Nobility followed him to the sea side, where those gentlemen whose portraits are given, embarked in the small boat to his relief, but not without a bribe of ten guineas to engage the boatmen in so humane an act; and in the distant boat were Lord JOCELYN, Lord EDWARD FITZGERALD, Mr. UNTACKER, and Mr. JAMES.

On the Sunday following this event, Mr. MAC GWIRE was attended by his fellow students, from the University to the Castle of *Dublin*: where his Grace the Duke of RUTLAND was pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on him;—and the Nobility rewarded the brave fellows who preserved his life, with a purse of one hundred guineas.

Sir RICHARD MAC GWIRE is at present a lieutenant of foot on the Irish establishment, admired for his intrepidity, and greatly esteemed by all who have the honour of knowing him.

The Portraits of the Boatmen are as follow: No. 1. The young man, *John Landen*, who first discovered Sir R. M^cG. No. 2. *John Marks*, No. 3. *George Marks*; No. 4. *William Reed*; No. 5. *James Murray*; No. 6. *William Murray*; No. 7. *George Landen*, whose zeal had endangered his own life, but for the activity and care of his brother boatmen.

* One of the two pilot-boats maintained by the ballast office in *Dublin*, for the sole purpose of succouring ships in distress.

TO THE CONDUCTORS OF THE HIBERNIAN JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Attention paid to the intrepid Youth who made the Aerial Excursion, filled the Breast of the Spectators with Feelings which does Honour to the human Heart, as he triumphed through the Streets of this Metropolis. The Scene of his Ascension was "in the Mind's Eyes." The Anxiety for his Safety, when his Course turned towards the Sea; the Dread of his perishing, when it was known he had plunged into that merciless Element, all formed those internal Workings, which are impossible to be described, but I trust every one felt. When we rejoice at his Safety, let us not forget those Men who were the Means of it. Some of them were in Town Yesterday, when surrounding Crouds listened with the greatest Avidity to their Artless Tale. I wished for the Purse of a Rumbold, to reward them for the Service they had done. Rome bestowed Honours on the Man who saved the Life of a Citizen; let Dublin follow her Example; let her Sons, not less deficient in Courage, be not wanting in Gratitude. I therefore hum-

bly propose the following Recompence to the Crew of the Wherry, belonging to Clontarf, who took up Mr. Maguire at the Moment he was perishing, and secured him from the Jaws of Death: A small pecuniary Reward should be given them; when Men in their Line of Life get Money into their Hands, it is seldom properly applied; a more lasting Benefit to them, will be, to raise by Subscription a Sum for building a large Fishing Wherry, and furnish it compleatly with Nets and every necessary Tackling. Any Nobleman or Gentleman may receive the Subscriptions, and apply it to the above Purpose. Allow me the Liberty to name the Right Hon. William Burton Conyngham, (the Father of our Fisheries in this Kingdom) to direct the Application; it is to be hoped he will not decline the pleasing Task. This Mode of Recompence will, in a small Degree, be useful to the Country, and Reward Individuals who deserve it from the Public. Enquiry has been made into the Characters of the Crew belonging to the Wherry—the Result is, that they are the most active and expert Seamen we have on this Coast, several of them having rowed in the Boat that gained the Prize some Years ago, given by a Gentleman of this Place.

May 14, 1785.

PHILOPATRIA.

For the HIBERNIAN JOURNAL.

On the late Ascension of the AIR BALLOON.

By WALLEY CHAMBERLAIN, Esq;
(Author of the Haunted Castle, &c.)

NOW smile IERNE—now rejoice to see,
How very great thy youthful Sons can be!
Behold their Genius bright—their Courage true!
In ev'ry Art—their Valour may we view!
Tho' distant *Blanchard* pleas'd an *English* Croud,
And of *Lamarck's* Skill, they speak aloud—
Which, like our M^cGWIRE can such Honour claim,
Who in a Moment bought his lasting Fame?
What Bliss below to see the Youth above!
He gain'd our Prayers—deservedly, our Loves
The wond'ring Numbers gaz'd with vast Delight,
'Till Tears of Fear and Joy had dimm'd their Sight.
And as the gallant Hero dar'd to rise,
So was his Name up-lifted to the Skies!
He dauntless soar'd, and at his Journey's End,
To brave the Ocean did the Youth descend!
Then smile IERNE—smile with Joy to hear,
Of such a brave—AERIAL VOLUNTEER.

THURSDAY MARCH 25, And POSITIVELY the LAST DAY.
Admission now ONLY SIX-PENCE.

Every Person in London may now See the
GRAND AIR BALLOON!
From PARIS, Forty Feet in Circumference,
At the **LYCEUM, STRAND.**

MONSIEUR CHEVALIER has the Honor of announcing to the Inhabitants of London and Westminster! that the Grand Aerostatic Globe of the immortal Monsieur de MONTGOLFIER, which has astonished and delighted all Europe, is just arrived in this Capital from PARIS, in its Progress to the University of Oxford; and that in order to gratify their Curiosity, this immense, sublime, and most brilliant Spectacle will be exhibited to them only THIS DAY and TO-MORROW, before its Removal to Oxford, in the Grand Apartment called the LYCEUM, Three Doors above Exeter-Change, in the Strand, London.

As Monsieur de MONTGOLFIER! for the Honor of Science, and with all the Liberality of a true Philosopher! has ordained his AIR BALLOON to be shewn to the English Nation without any Expence, Monsieur CHEVALIER permits the Domestic, who has the Honor of superintending it, to receive
ONLY SIX-PENCE,

from each Person, to defray in Part the Expences of this Advertising, and of the noble and most commodious Apartment in which it is exhibited. It is hoped therefore, that the Learned and the Curious (in every Rank and Station in Life) will instantly profit by this public Notice,

This brilliant and most magnificent Spectacle is doubly Gilt; it contains about Two Thousand Gallons of inflammable Gas, or Air; and the Whole exhibits the Appearance of a Huge World, invisibly suspended by Omnipotence, floating in the incomprehensible Infinity of eternal Space!!!

The Balloon being full Forty Feet in Circumference, if it was in Reality what it appears to be, solid Gold, it would weigh more than Four Millions of Pounds. A noble Gallery is attached to the Balloon, being the exact Model of that which Messrs Charles and Robert performed their Aerial Journey in France.

N. B. As it will be shewn only THIS DAY and TO-MORROW, Company will be admitted from Nine in the Morning till Six at Night.

* * A beautiful Print of the Balloon, (with Monsieur MONTGOLFIER filling it and explaining it; and as it was exhibited before their Majesties and the Royal Family!) will be given gratis to every Person as they enter the Grand Room, worth the Money given for Admission.

Vive le Roi et la Reine!

By Air Balloons!—into the Heaven of Heavens!!
We NOW presume, tho' Earthly Guests,
And breathe IMPERIAL AIR!
GRAND AIR BALLOON, from PARIS, Forty Feet in Circumference, at the LYCEUM, STRAND.

MONSIEUR CHEVALIER has the Honor of announcing to the Noblesse of England! that the Grand Aerostatic Globe of the immortal M. MONTGOLFIER, which has astonished and delighted all Europe, is just arrived in this capital from Paris, in its progress to the University of Oxford; and that in order to gratify their curiosity, this immense, sublime, and most brilliant spectacle will be exhibited to them for a few days, before its removal to Oxford, in the Grand Apartment called the LYCEUM, three doors above Exeter-Change, in the Strand, London. As M. Montgolfier! for the honor of science, and with all the liberal ty of a true Philosopher! has ordained his AIR BALLOON to be shewn to the English nation without any expence, M. Chevalier permits the domestic, who has the honor of superintending it, to receive but ONE SHILLING from each Person, to defray in part the expences of this advertising, and of the noble and most commodious apartment in which it is exhibited. It is hoped therefore, that the learned and the curious will instantly profit by this public notice, as it will be removed to Oxford in a few days, and contains 1700 gallons of inflammable gas or air; and this brilliant spectacle is doubly overlaid with gold! the whole exhibits the appearance of a huge world, invisibly suspended by Omnipotence! and floating in the incomprehensible infinity of eternal space!!! The Balloon being full forty feet in circumference, if it was in reality what it appears to be, solid gold, it would weigh more than four millions of pounds.

N. B. As the time is so short, Company will be admitted from Nine in the Morning till Five at Night; and as the Balloon exhibits a far more brilliant spectacle by candle-light than by day-light, the Lyceum will be illuminated with covered Lamps this and the two following Evenings, from Seven till ten o'Clock, and the Balloon will float richly decorated with artificial flowers.

Vive le Roi et la Reine!

Admission now only SIX-PENCE.
Every Person in London may now see the
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This brilliant and most magnificent spectacle is doubly gilt: it contains about two thousand gallons of inflammable gas, or air; and the whole exhibits the appearance of a huge world, invisibly suspended by Omnipotence, floating in the incomprehensible infinity of eternal space!!!

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THIS DAY and MONDAY.

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MONSIEUR CHEVALIER has the Honor of announcing to the Noblesse of England! that the Grand Aerostatic Globe of the immortal M. MONTGOLFIER, which has astonished and delighted all Europe, is arrived in this capital from Paris; and that in order to gratify their curiosity, this immense, sublime, and most brilliant spectacle will be exhibited two Days more, in the Grand Apartment called the LYCEUM, three doors above Exeter-Change, Strand, London.

This brilliant and most magnificent spectacle is doubly gilt; it contains about 2000 gallons of inflammable gas, or air; and the whole exhibits the appearance of a huge world, invisibly suspended by Omnipotence, floating in the incomprehensible infinity of eternal space!!!

N. B. A Print of a Balloon will be given gratis.

* * A beautiful Gallery is attached to the Balloon; an exact model of that in which Messrs. Charles and Roberts performed their aerial journey in France.

LYCEUM, Strand, March 25, 1784.

MONSIEUR CHEVALIER respectfully informs the Public, that the Exhibition of his Grand AEROSTATIC GLOBE will certainly close To-morrow Evening, the Room in which it is exhibited being lett for another purpose.

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MACHINE AÉROSTATIQUE DE MM.^{RS} L'ABBÉ MIOLAN ET JANNINET.

Cette Machine construite à l'Observatoire, avoit 112. pieds de haut et 84. de diamètre, sa force total étoit environs de 1400. Millier. On en fit deux essais, le 17. et 30. Juin 1784. dans ce dernier, la galerie portant 9. Personnes avec un Test de 900^{lb} fut enlevée et auroient échappée des mains de plus de 20. Personnes qui la retenoient par des cordes, si l'on eut pas fait cesser le feu. Cette expérience fut faite en présence d'un G.^d nombre de Personnes, entr'autres M.^r le Duc de Chaunes, M.^r le Marquis de Cassini qui étoient dans la galerie, avec MM. Jeaurat Mechain et le Comte de Milli, membres de l'Académie des Sciences. Depuis cette expérience on avoit augmenté le capacité de ce Ballon de 40. mille piéds Cube, ce qui donnoient plus de 800. livres de force. La Machine ainsi construite, fut transporté au Luxembourg pour y être enlevée publiquement le 11. Juillet à midi, mais plusieurs causes qu'on avoit pas prévues et surtout la grande chaleur et les rayons du Soleil qui fit monter le Thermomètre à l'air libre, au dessus de 28. degrés, empêcha la Machine de s'enfler, malgré les peines, les conseils des Sçavants et les différents moyens que l'on employa. Bientôt après la populace s'étant introduite dans le Luxembourg, déchira le Ballon, brisa la galerie, l'enceinte, les chaises les instruments &c. &c, brula ce qu'elle ne put emportée et mis par là les Auteurs hors d'état de remplir leurs engagements envers MM. les Souscripteurs.

A Paris chez Tenauts et Rapilly, Rue S. Jacques à la Ville de Coutances.



LE VOLOMANISTE

AIR BALLOON.

The Public are requested to take Notice, that a Clear and Entertaining DESCRIPTION of that wonderful Invention, as it is to be launched and navigated at *Chelsea Garden* by CHEVALIER DE MORET, is given at large in

BRESLAW'S LAST LEGACY, Or, The Magical Companion;

(Published this Day, Price only Eighteen-pence.)

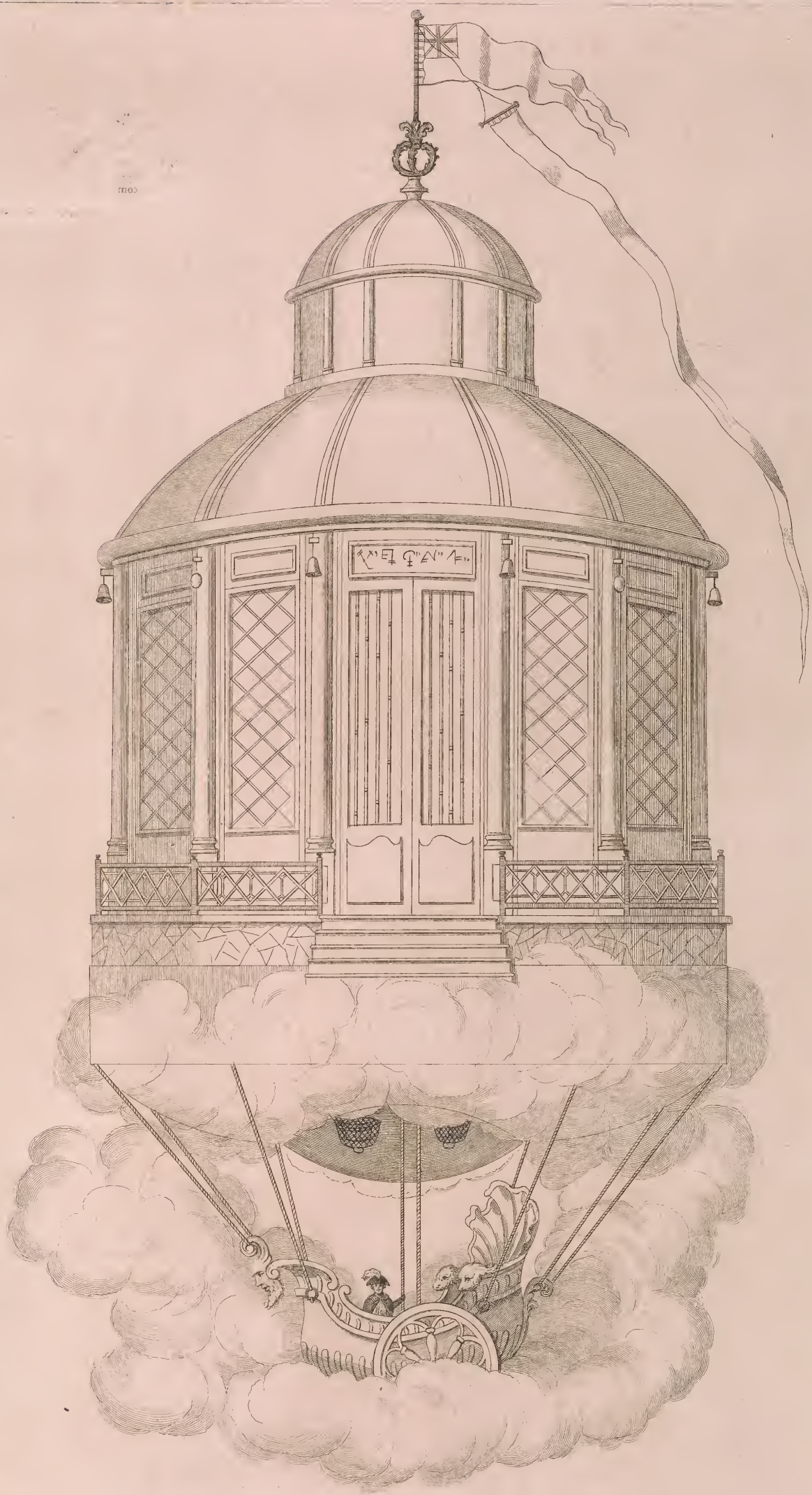
CONTAINING all that is curious, pleasing, entertaining and comical, selected from the most celebrated Masters of Deception; as well with *Slight of Hand* as with *Mathematical Inventions*: including all the various Exhibitions of those wonderful Artists, *Breslaw, Sieur Comus, Jonas, &c.* The Interpretation of Dreams, Signification of Moles, &c. with a Selection of all the favorite new Songs sung this Season at *Vauxhall, &c.* Riddles, and Bon Mots: The Whole forming a Book of real Knowledge in the *Art of Conjurat*ion.

In which is displayed the Way to make

The AIR BALLOON and INFLAMMABLE AIR.

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§ In this ingenious Performance is more particularly described than in any other Publication of a similar Nature, how to make the *Air Balloon*, so that the Curious may amuse themselves and Friends by displaying them either in public or private.



NEW AEROSTATIC MACHINE,

*Being 65 Feet High, and 120 in Circumference, in which M. Le Chev. de Moret
will go up*

the 10th of Aug^r 1784.

The experiments of this Machine to be seen at Pimlico, near Buckingham House, every Day at One o'Clock.



MAJOR MONEY'S PERILOUS SITUATION
When he fell into the Sea July 23, 1785, off the Coast of Yarmouth.

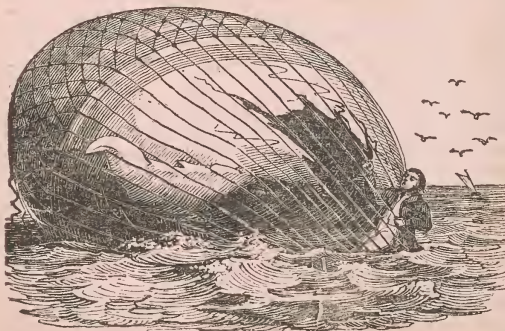
The Major whom no earthly dame
And he'd tried all, could ever tame
Formed the design to quit the ground
And see what could above be found —
To aid his views, an artist soon
Was found, to make a grand Balloon
By means of which the Major flies
Beyond the ken of common eyes
And taking leave of us poor mortals
In some hours travelling reach'd heav'n's portals
The sentry Angel ask'd his name,
Moreover from what Orb he came?
"Money" — "from Earth" — our Hero cried,
"Well" the celestial straight replied,
"I will announce ye" — "but I fear
That you'll gain no admittance here".
His name was then declared in form
Which caused an Empyrean alarm
The Angels all detesting evil
Feared to admit another Devil
And all the bright-eyed Cherubins
Who chant eternal songs and hymns,
Instantly joined in warm petition
That he might not obtain admission,
Their suit was heard and leave was given
To drive him from the gates of heav'n
Myriads of Angels very soon
Surround the Aeronauts Balloon,
And when he o'er the Ocean was,
Cut the Balloon and seiz'd the Gas,
Down comes our Hero in a fright
All in the very dead of night.

EPIGRAM

On a Dutch Vessel refusing to take up a late Aerial
Voyager. 1785

BENEATH the sun nothing, there's nothing that's new; —
Tho' SOLOMON said it, the maxim's not true. —
A Dutchman, for instance, was heretofore known,
On lucre intent, and on lucre alone.
MYNHEER is grown honest — retreats from his prey; —
Won't pick up e'en § MONEY, though drop'd in his way.
§ Major MONEY, who made the excursion from Norfolk.

In July, 1785, Major Money ascended in a balloon of his own construction, which unfortunately burst, and he was precipitated into the German Ocean. For five hours he remained in a situation of imminent suffering and peril, clinging to the wreck of the balloon, by the aid of which he contrived to keep himself floating. He was picked up by the Argus sloop of war, off the coast of Yarmouth.



PERILOUS SITUATION OF MAJOR MONEY.

Extract of a letter from Swaffham, Sept. 21.

"We have had a great deal of genteel company at our races, and very good sport: the assembly was the fullest that has been known for many years, and was honoured by the presence of some of the best families in the kingdom.

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When he fell into the Sea July 23, 1785, off the Coast of Yarmouth.

Thinking for certain while he fell,
He had no other chance than h. ll!
But to his great surprize soon after
He found himself chin deep in Water.
Now, overcome with various fears
For once, the Major said his prayers
And vow'd if he survived this souse
To build another Church at Trowse
Alter his manners, daily give
Alms to the Poor, and chastely live.
Heav'n took him at his word, and sped
A Vessel to the Sinner's aid,
Which sav'd him, and we must allow
Should but the Major keep his vow,
Maids, Wives, and Widows will do right
To blep the day he took his flight!

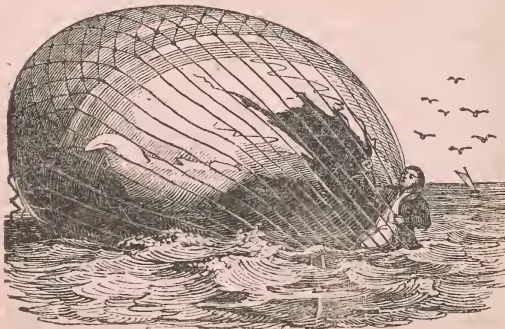


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DESCRIPTION OF THE JUBILEE

HELD IN THE

THREE PARKS,

On Monday, August 1, 1814.

THE first of August being the centenary of the accession of the illustrious House of Brunswick to the Throne of England, and the anniversary of the glorious Battle of the Nile, was selected as a proper day for a *National Jubilee* in celebration of the Peace.

The Lawn in St. James's Park, and the Birdcage-walk, were devoted to those who purchased tickets, which were sold at 10s. 6d. each, for the benefit of those brave men who were wounded, and the families of those who were killed, during the late war.

Hyde Park and the Green Park (except the space railed off for inclosing the Temple of Concord) were open to the Public the whole of the day. Notwithstanding the immense population thus gathered together, so judicious were the arrangements which had been adopted, and so extensive the places selected for the various exhibitions, that, comparatively, no inconvenience of pressure was felt in any of the Parks.

The Royal Booth and Gallery were filled with splendour; and a number of the populace ascended the neighbouring trees. The following words were inscribed on the Royal Booth:

FIRST OF AUGUST.

PEACE.

CENTENARY OF THE ACCESSION OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK.
NELSON OF THE NILE.

SMALL BALLOONS.

Between four and five o'clock an immense number of spectators, who were waiting the ascent of the large balloon, were agreeably entertained by the appearance of a balloon of small dimensions, which ascended with great rapidity, and was soon out of sight. Another small balloon, which, like the former, was without a car, or any other appendage, amused the assembly for a short time; and the company in Hyde Park were at nearly the same time amused by the

FIRST ENGAGEMENT ON THE SERPENTINE, BETWEEN AN ENGLISH AND AN AMERICAN FRIGATE.

The contest continued for some time, and was maintained with equal obstinacy on both sides; but the American frigate at last struck her colours, and the British flag was triumphantly displayed.

GRAND BALLOON.

The Grand Balloon was placed in the ground in front of the Queen's Palace. The operation of filling it commenced as early as nine in the morning; but it was not fully inflated till half past five in the evening. At twenty minutes past six it was elevated from the situation it had hitherto occupied, with Mr. Sadler, junior, in the car, which was extremely splendid, and decorated with four beautiful flags. A pleasing calm at this time prevailed, and the machine remained a short time almost stationary. Here the Aëronaut threw out a number of Programmes with small parachutes attached to them, which fell among the spectators, and were received with eagerness; after which he threw out two or three bags of ballast, ascended with rapidity, and was out of sight, in a South-Easterly direction, in half an hour*.

* The balloon descended in Mucking Marshes, 16 miles below Gravesend; and Mr. Sadler arrived at Buckingham-house at half past three

SECOND ENGAGEMENT ON THE SERPENTINE.

Between eight and nine o'clock the Grand Sea Fight took place on the Serpentine, where ships of the line in miniature manœuvred, and where the Battle of the Nile was represented. The headmost ship of the British line got under way and bore down on the starboard tack, and in ten minutes opened her fire, which was immediately returned from the French line. The British van followed in succession; each ship opened its fire as it dropped beside its antagonist, and the combat was sustained without any obvious advantage for a considerable time; but after various manœuvres, and a severe contest, a complete victory was gained by the English; and about ten minutes before nine the last gun was fired.

LAMPS AND CHINESE LANTERNS.

About nine o'clock the lamps and Chinese lanterns were lighted; the former were dispersed over the lawn in crescents, moons, and stars, elevated a small distance from the ground; the latter hung in the walks, midway between the trees, and were decorated with a great variety of objects. The Bridge, with the Pagoda, was soon entirely lighted, and the reflection of the lights gave to the whole Canal the appearance of a lake of fire.

From this time a contest in brilliancy arose between the Fortress in the Green Park and the Pagoda on the Canal. An incessant variety of wheels and stars appeared at intervals on both these structures; and at other times immense flights of rockets rapidly succeeded each other, which, after bursting in the air, descended in showers of fire.

At the conclusion of the Fire-works the Grand Metamorphosis took place of the Fortress into the Temple of Concord, by the removal of all the canvas fortifications, thus displaying the Temple, moving upon an axis, brilliantly illuminated.

About twelve o'clock the Pagoda appeared to be in flames, and it was soon ascertained that the rockets had communicated fire to the building; though several engines were in readiness to meet such an event, nearly the whole of that elegant structure, except the bridge, was destroyed†.

o'clock on Tuesday morning, after having encountered more danger than any recent aerial traveller within our recollection. It was found, previous to his ascension, that the fastening which secures the net-work to the valve at the top of the balloon, had by some means been disengaged, and was held only by a single twine. Mr. S. was advised to decline his voyage; but, feeling for the disappointment of the public, he was determined to go up, and ascended at the time above-mentioned. Mrs. H. Johnstone, who was to have accompanied him, was with difficulty persuaded to remain behind. Immediately over Woolwich the string which fastened the net, as was apprehended, suddenly broke, and the main body of the balloon was forced quickly through the aperture, nearly 18 feet. Mr. S. to prevent the danger which threatened him, caught the pipe at the bottom of the balloon, and by hanging on it and the valve line, he prevented the balloon from further escaping. The valve, which had for some time resisted every attempt to open it, in consequence of being frozen whilst passing through a cloud over Deptford, at this time gave way, and suffered the gas to escape. A sudden shift of wind carried it about 100 yards over the marshes on the Essex side, when the aëronaut seized the opportunity of making a gash in the balloon with his knife, which the wind considerably widened, and occasioned the escape of the gas in great quantities. He then descended with great velocity, and landed in Mucking Marshes, without sustaining any other injury than a slight sprain, in about 40 minutes after his departure from the Park.

† In consequence of the Pagoda taking fire the following persons were hurt, besides the man killed by his fall, *William Wood, John Scott, James Day, John Taylor*, and two others whose names we could not learn; they are all fire-workers. *Taylor* is since dead.

National Jubilee.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXHIBITIONS IN THE PARKS, On Monday, August 1, 1814.

THE amusements will begin with the ascent of a magnificent balloon, of sufficiently large dimensions to take up two persons in the car affixed to it: it will ascend about five o'clock. Later in the day, a smaller balloon, of 20 feet in diameter, will also ascend, and a copious display of fire-works, from it, be exhibited in the higher regions of the air; it will then be made to descend, and, upon its second ascension, another display of brilliant fire-works will also take place at a great elevation from the ground. Still later in the evening, several other balloons, upon a smaller scale, will be dispatched towards the clouds, charged with various fire-works, which will be seen with effect at a great distance; and after these are expended, the hydrogen contained in these balloons will be inflamed, and will produce a brilliant appearance, resembling in splendor the most striking meteoric phenomena.

OVER the canal has been thrown a beautiful *Chinese Bridge*, upon the centre of which has been constructed an elegant and lofty *Pagoda*, consisting of seven pyramidal stories. The pagoda will be illuminated with the gas lights; and brilliant fire-works, both fixed and missile, will be displayed from every division of this lofty Chinese structure. Copious and splendid girandoles of rockets will also be occasionally displayed from the summit, and from other parts of this towering edifice, which will at times be so covered with jerbs, Roman candles, and *pots de brin*, as to become in appearance one column of brilliant fire. Various smaller temples and columns, constructed upon the bridge, will also be vividly illuminated; and fixed fire-works of different devices, on the balustrade of the bridge, will contribute to heighten the general effect.

THE canal will also be well provided with handsomely decorated *boats*, at the disposal of those who wish to add this amusement to the numerous pleasures of the entertainment.

THE whole margin of the lawn will be surrounded with *booths* for refreshment, which will be illuminated in the evening, interspersed with open marquees, provided with seats for the accommodation of the company.

THE malls of the Park will be illuminated with Chinese lanterns, ornamented with picturesque and grotesque devices, and every tree will have variegated lights intermingled with its foliage. Bands of music will be stationed at various distances, and spaces will be provided on different parts of the lawn, for those who delight in the pleasures of the dance; the whole forming a Vauxhall on the most magnificent scale.

IN addition to the foregoing list of amusements, there will be a fine view of the *Royal Booth*, and of the grand fire-works in the Green Park, which will be displayed from a fortress or castle, the ramparts of which are 100 feet square, surmounted by a round tower in the centre, about 60 feet in diameter, and rising to the height of above 50 feet above the ramparts. Four grand changes of fire-works will be exhibited from this stupendous castle, the whole elevation of which exceeds 90 feet.

To secure to every one a complete view of this edifice and decorations, notwithstanding its great height and dimensions, it is so constructed as to revolve on its centre, so that each side will be successively presented to the spectators. The castle, thus exhibiting the appearance of a grand military fortification, is intended allegorically to represent war, and the discharges of artillery, small arms, maroons, &c. may be regarded as descriptive of the terrors of a siege. On a sudden this will cease:—in the midst of volumes of flames, clouds of smoke, and the thunder of artillery, the lofty fortress, the emblem of destructive war, is transformed into a beautiful temple, the type of glorious peace. The lower and quadrangular compartment of the temple is embellished with Doric columns of porphyry; the circular edifice which surmounts it is decorated with the lighter Ionic columns of Sienna marble. The whole will be brilliantly illuminated, and adorned with allegorical transparencies, executed by the masterly pencils of artists of the first eminence.

Description of the Paintings, forming part of the Decorations of the Temple erected in the Green Park.

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THE lower picture represents the effects of her descent. On one side, the *Cyclops* are forging implements of war. *Mars*, in his car, driven by *Bellona*, and hurried on by the *Furies*, is overturning all before him. In the back ground are seen towns on fire, and a desolated plain. In front are *Charity* flying in dismay—*Truth* and *Justice* quitting the earth—and *Hope* lingering behind.

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In short, although for the convenience of all classes, tickets of admission are allowed to be purchased for the enclosure of St. James's Park, still those persons who do not feel inclined, or may not be able to afford the purchase of tickets, will in fact have full possession of two Parks out of three, and a view of the third, and will find also that equal attention has been paid to their amusement, security, comforts and taste.

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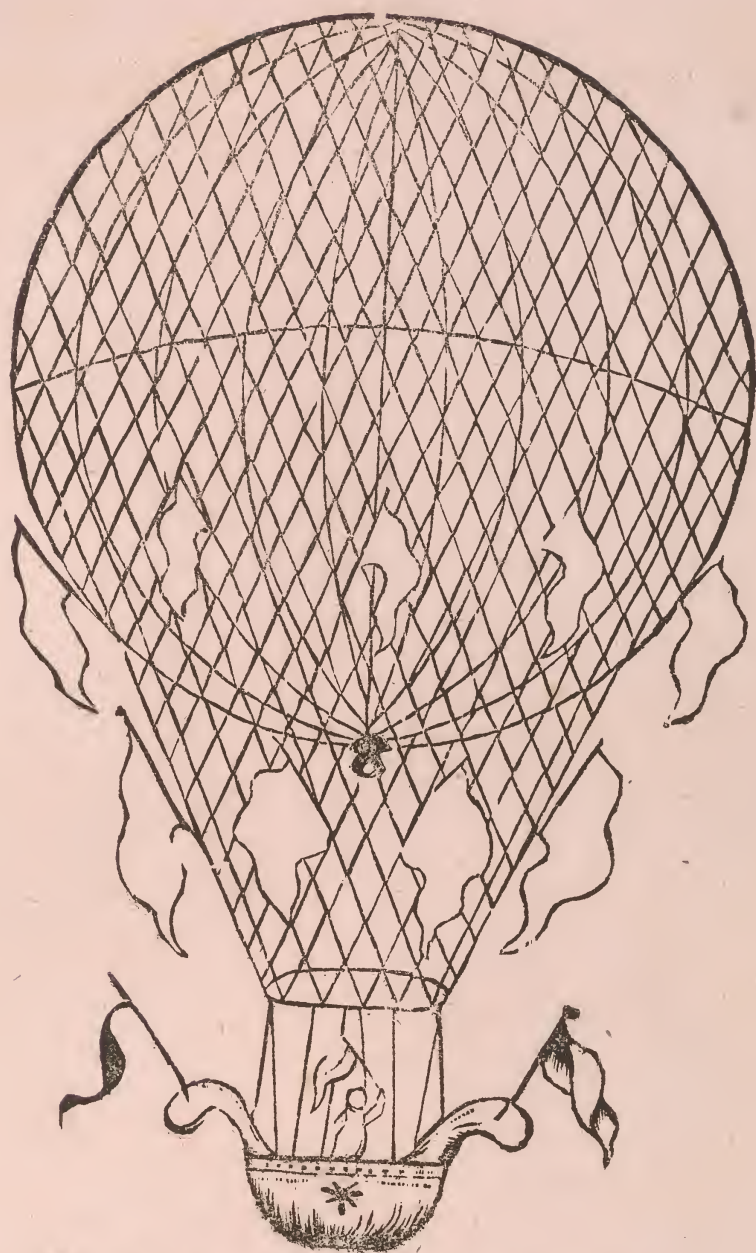
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- A The Chinese Bridge
- B The Pagoda hung with fireworks
- C Tents and Marquees
- D Chinese lanterns hung to the trees
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- G The Canal with boats and pleasure.
- H Wooden booths for dancing.
- I The Cascade in the Green Park.



A view of the Balloon,
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Plate VII. J.



Chinese Pagoda and Bridge, in St. James's Park.

We understand that Mr. SADLER, the celebrated aeronaut, is now at Cheltenham, and intends ascending from that place in the course of a week or two. He has unquestionably with him one of the largest balloons in the world, by which he proposes crossing St. George's Channel from Ireland, very shortly, and which, we are informed, is capable of carrying 72 persons.

The ascent of Mr. Sadler in his balloon, from Cheltenham, is fixed for the 6th of September. He intends to dispatch, when a mile from the earth, a parachute, to show his improvement on that invention.

MR. SADLER'S BALLOON.

Sept. 10, 1813.
Cheltenham, September 8.

This celebrated Aeronaut has for some time past been exhibiting, at Cheltenham, the grand Balloon with which he some time back ascended from Dublin, for the purpose of crossing the St. George's Channel to Liverpool, but at length descended in the sea, without being enabled to pass over, as he had intended. Various times had been mentioned as fixed on for an ascent from Cheltenham. Monday, the 6th of September, was at length determined on by Mr. Sadler, and the Gentlemen who had formed a Committee at this fashionable resort, for aiding him with their patronage, and the place appointed was the New Railway Wharf, near the turnpike, on the Gloucester Road, which contains an area of nearly two acres, surrounded by a high stone wall, and admirably calculated for the reception of the numerous company who might be desirous of being present, and round the part appropriated to the filling of the Balloon were erected seats capable of containing a thousand persons; the tickets for which were distributed at half a guinea each, and five shillings each to such as might choose to enter the area without partaking of a seat. For a week before the day appointed, every chaise, carriage, and horse, for near thirty miles round the country were engaged, and not a bed was left unengaged. The morning of Monday, the 6th, proved, unfortunately, extremely wet and stormy, but before ten o'clock the town of Cheltenham was filled with carriages of every description, loaded with passengers, and the throng of horsemen and pedestrians filled the streets. Every inn and lodging in the place was completely inundated, and thousands were obliged to remain in the streets to abide the peltings of the pitiless storm. At ten, Mr. Sadler informed the Public, by handbills, that the ascension was postponed to Friday, on account of the badness of the weather, which produced so much murmuring and apprehension of mischief, that shortly afterwards it was announced that he would ascend on the following day, at one o'clock. Much of the disappointed company returned home, not being able to procure beds, or even a dinner; and many who remained, passed the night in postchaises and other carriages, while others thought themselves fortunate to procure beds at a guinea each.

On Tuesday, the day proving more favourable, but showery, the process of filling the Balloon commenced, attended by an immense concourse of people, though by no means so numerous as on the preceding day. The Balloon, however, was not filled with gas so soon as expected, and in fact was not sufficiently inflated for taking up Mr. Sadler, sen.; accordingly, at half past four, his son, a youth of eighteen, entered the car, and shortly afterwards ascended, amid the acclamations of the spectators, which were calculated, at least, at twenty thousand. He winged his aerial flight with awful grandeur over Clusen Cloud-hill, taking an east north-east direction, and in forty-five minutes disappeared in the clouds. After being lost, and again restored to the sight of the gazing multitude at intervals by the passing clouds, it appears he descended in safety near Chipping Norton, about thirty miles from hence, and has this day, about three o'clock, returned to Cheltenham, making his triumphal entry, with his Balloon and Car, in a carriage drawn by four horses, and escorted by a band of music, welcomed by the warm congratulations of the Public.

On Tuesday last, the son of Mr. Sadler, the celebrated aeronaut, a youth of 16 years of age, ascended in his father's balloon, at Cheltenham, in the presence of an immense concourse of spectators; and, after a pleasant voyage of one hour and five minutes, landed safe in a field, a short distance from Chipping Norton.

CHIPPING NORTON, SEPT. 7.—Sadler is just arrived at Chadlington, about half past six o'clock this evening, about three miles from Chipping Norton, and had a post-chaise and four from the White Hart, to convey him to Oxford. He ascended from Cheltenham about five o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, and arrived at the above place about half past six, as I observed before. I have only time to write this scrawl, as the mail is just setting out. The messenger that came for the chaise states, that Sadler and the balloon alighted all safe and well.

MR. SADLER'S ASCENSION AT NOTTINGHAM.

Nottingham, Nov. 2.

The vast population of this town, and the great number of visitants that flocked in, from the distance of one to twenty miles, were yesterday gratified with one of the most graceful and majestic sights which the eye ever beheld, or the imagination can conceive.

According to promise, Mr. SADLER caused a flag to be hoisted on the top of St. Mary's lofty tower, early in the forenoon, as a signal of his ascension on that day; and, about eleven o'clock he began to inflate his balloon, which was ready for ascension at a quarter before three; which, being somewhat later than had been proposed, caused almost every heart to palpitate with the fear of disappointment, particularly when the late failure at Derby was fresh in every one's recollection. The day was unusually fine, considering the season of the year, until about a quarter past two, when a smart shower fell; but without having the effect of driving any one from the ground:—it ceased—the wind fell—the face of Heaven presented an almost cloudless aspect—the balloon rose in a state of majesty, which filled every beholder with astonishment and silent admiration; Mr. SADLER waving his hat and flag as he passed over the crowd, with the most graceful composure. The balloon took a south-eastern direction, and, owing to the favourable state of the weather, it remained in sight forty-six minutes; the longest time which any balloon ever remained in sight from the time of its ascension. After about an hour's voyage the venerable aeronaut descended, about four miles from Stamford, where Lord LONSDALE was out with his hounds, without sustaining the smallest accident.—A Lady furnished him with a coach, which carried him to Grantham, where he slept; and arrived, with a postchaise-and-four, with his car upon it, at twelve o'clock this day, in this town, where he was greeted with the acclamation of thousands, that were anxiously waiting his return.

MR. SADLER.—This celebrated aeronaut, whose hazardous attempt to cross the Irish Channel in his balloon, excited so much attention during the last summer, and whose sufferings in that perilous adventure created such universal commiseration, quitted town yesterday, on his way to Dublin, to redeem the pledge which he gave to the inhabitants of that hospitable city, of once more endeavouring to effect that hitherto unequalled aerial journey. It is understood that he will again ascend from the lawn of Mr. C. Beresford's house, near Dublin, from whence he took his former departure. It may be recollected, that both the balloon and car used in his last ascent, were totally destroyed. During the winter and present spring, he has been industriously employed in repairing this loss, and in preparing a new and splendid vehicle, which, in point of size and elegance, exceeds any thing that has hitherto been exhibited. The car is of a truly classic description; and in shape, colour, and decorations, is appropriate to the country from whence our veteran is to commence his lofty career. Mr. S. has but lately recovered from a serious indisposition, and we learn that some of his friends expressed a wish that he should defer his voyage to another period. He was determined, however, to keep faith with his Hibernian friends, and with his son and daughter, has repaired to their friendly shores.

When SADLER ascended with Mr. WYNDHAM, some years ago, from Moulsey Hurst, the balloon took its course towards the North Foreland, and the daring aeronaut was anxious to proceed, having provisions for two months. Mr. WYNDHAM vehemently opposed the proposition, and insisted on the machine being lowered. The adventurers were fast approaching the ocean, and SADLER insisted on Mr. WYNDHAM putting on a life-preserver of his own invention. A generous conflict now ensued, there being only one; but SADLER's importunity at length prevailed, on the assurance that he himself was a dexterous swimmer. The balloon, however, descended on terra firma, and it was a long time ere Mr. WYNDHAM discovered that SADLER, so far from being as expert in the water as in the air, had never in his life ventured out of his depth.

The sublime ascension of SADLER'S BALLOON will take place from the Gardens of Burlington House, on Friday next, as advertised in all the newspapers, and it may be expected to afford the most magnificent and gratifying spectacle that was ever presented to the eye of man, in celebration of the happiest era of our days. The scientific and intrepid Enterpriser has been sanctioned in his present project by several illustrious characters, whose wisdom and humanity have taken every necessary precaution to prevent the mischief usually attendant on the naturally eager curiosity of the public, by providing a spacious and commodious plot of ground for the preparations and ascension, properly protected and rendered admissible only to the number of persons it will conveniently hold, without depriving the public at large from contemplating so magnificent a scene, which, it may be presumed, will be worthy of the glorious occasion of celebrating the deliverance of Europe, established by the magnanimous perseverance of the British nation. It is calculated that the ground of ascension is spacious enough to contain six thousand persons, but tickets of admission will be issued only for three thousand. The surrounding and adjacent premises and country will afford a perfect view of its rise and progress. The descent may probably be witnessed within the environs of Paris, should the wind blow North East by North, and in that case it would, no doubt, be hailed as the harbinger of a solid peace between the two countries.

SADLER'S BALLOON, July 15, 1814

Yesterday afforded one of those exhibitions which is equally calculated to gratify all orders of society. The beauty, the majestic motion, and the spirit of adventure, connected with a balloon, naturally attract the multitude, while men of science may not unworthily admire the skill and science which prepare this singular machine for the command of an element that seems of all others the most uncontrollable. Burlington-house was the spot appointed for its display, and the balloon was to have ascended at one o'clock. A considerable number of persons of rank were present about that time, and it was rapidly inflated by means of silk tubes, connected with the brass conductors of the gas vessels. As it swelled, its shape and size became more discernible, and it assumed the form of a pear. The dark and dusky hue of the day prevented the full display which sunshine would have given, and even more decoration might not have been unsuitable; but it was handsomely painted with figures of the cardinal virtues in compartments of columns, the upper part striped with pale orange, and the lower resembling clouds. The vats from which the gas issued were of a large size, probably ten feet high, unceasingly pouring out a stream of vapour in a state which required the constant effusion of cold water to keep the conductors from violent heating. The company, who had by this time increased, were in the course of their inspection interrupted by slight showers, which drove them under the porticos.

The Duke of Devonshire at length ordered the doors of Burlington-house to be thrown open for the Ladies of his acquaintance, and the windows were quickly filled. Some inconvenience took place in the court from anxiety to see the process of filling the balloon as it drew towards its close, and a scaffold, carelessly constructed, gave way, with from twenty to thirty persons upon it. However, as it was but a few feet from the ground, this catastrophe produced nothing beyond a general laugh at the sufferers, who were thus suddenly thrown from the best into the worst situation of the assemblage. It now approached three o'clock, and the impatience of the *agnoscenti* was only to be satisfied by its being announced that the ascent only waited for the Duke of York's presence, who was expected, and as it was rumoured, with the Duke of Wellington. At three the filling was completed, and the balloon removed from the angle of the court where the operation was performed to the centre. All the preparations for the transit were now made; grapnels, provisions, flannel wrappers, sand-bags, and mathematical instruments, were crowded together in the bottom of the car, and Mr. Sadler and his son got in. The car itself was a slight construction of cork and wicker-work, painted with the Royal arms, and with British flags at the ends. The pressure now drew back, and the signal was made for loosening the last cord, which connected them with this nether world. At a quarter past three, the balloon rose, amid shout, from the court, and the immense multitude with, out, who now for the first time had a view of it. It rose slowly, moving towards the east; it seemed to rest upon the bosom of the air; there was not a breath of wind, and even the loud and tumultuous cry of popular surprise was subdued in the strong curiosity that followed a motion of such calm and stately grandeur. A slight shower fell; a cloud seemed to darken round it; and in a moment after, it was lost to the thousands of eyes that strained after its sight from the streets, and walls, and roofs, throughout the whole extent of London. Exhibitions of this nature can scarcely be lucrative, from the feeble interest attached to all of them that takes place before the balloon rises, and the facility of enjoying all that occurs after it has quitted the ground. The range of Piccadilly, and every house which commanded the court of Burlington-house, were crowded with those who contributed nothing to the emolument of the artist; and when it once towered above the walls, its display was beyond all limit or restraint. There is yet too much ingenuity and perseverance in the person who has undertaken these hazardous experiments, not to make it desirable that his profit should be some recompense for his danger.

Yesterday, Mr. SADLER obtained permission from the Duke of Devonshire to reascend from Burlington House again on Friday next, when, we understand, a young lady is expected to ascend with

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Mr. Sadler, the aeronaut, is preparing for another voyage at Birmingham, in the ensuing spring. In consequence of the accident which happened to him on his last ascension, he has been confined for upwards of three months to his room. He has, however, adopted precautions against a similar misfortune. His new balloon is perfectly globular, and about 22 feet in diameter, and the improvement consists in a reticulated texture woven in along with the silk, of which it is composed, to prevent bursting. It is calculated only for the ascension of one person. He is also engaged in the completion of a magnificent balloon for the entertainment of the people of Dublin, which place he intends visiting, in the summer.

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MR. SADLER'S BALLOON.

The Constitution.

April 19, 1812.

Mr. Sadler, the celebrated aeronaut, intends to make his twenty-second ascent from Birmingham in the course of a few weeks. In consequence of the total destruction of the balloon by which he last took his aerial flight, he has had an entire new one manufactured, which, in point of beauty and strength, far exceeds any by which he has hitherto ascended.—It is of a spherical form, and made of the best lustrous silk, with an interior net-work woven in its texture, by which additional security is given, and the possibility of bursting or being torn, in a great measure guarded against. When inflated, it presents a beautiful appearance, being composed of alternate stripes of crimson and white, which are connected, in the centre, by a zone of gold colour. The car is also extremely rich, as well in its decorations as in the classic taste of its design. Its shape is oval, and the colour of its side is a deep crimson, while on the bottom is represented, with great correctness, two shells of the Nautilus, which, rising from the base, and spreading their extended edges towards each end of the car, seem to screen it from external injury; above these are festoons of back foliage and gilt acorns, looped in a fanciful manner by the beaks of eagles; the upper panels are rendered particularly elegant by the insertion of a brass fret-work railing, bordered with a crimson beading, studded with brilliant stars, and at each end is a plume of feathers formed of *drap d'or*, and confined by semi-crowns set with mock jewels. The interior is lined with yellow cotton cushions, and there are two seats fixed, under which are small lockers for containing ballast, and the necessary provisions and apparatus for the voyage.

This splendid vehicle is attached by six gilt ropes to the base of a dome, in the embellishments of which neither expense or pains have been spared; it is formed of crimson silk, intersected with spiral lines of golden twist, and studded with silver stars. At the top is a rich crown, beautifully ornamented with mock jewellery, and around the base is a wreath of laurel, below which hangs a luxuriant drapery of crimson and yellow lustrous, trimmed with gold fringe and tassels, forming altogether as splendid an object as can well be conceived. A net-work of strong cord will, as usual, go over the balloon, to which the car will be affixed by twenty strings.

July 1, 1812.

MR. SADLER AND HIS AIR BALLOON.

This celebrated Aeronaut made his twenty-third aerial excursion, from Manchester, on Monday last. Early in the morning crowds of people from every part of the neighbourhood of Manchester were seen hastening to town. By eleven o'clock it had nearly doubled its accustomed population, and soon after every avenue to Mr. Higginbotham's rope-yard, became uncomfortably crowded. Every window which looked towards the scene of preparation, no matter whether intervening buildings obstructed the sight or not, was taken possession of. Every house-top was crowded with adventurous spectators, who wished, in some degree, to emulate the Aeronaut by getting as near to the clouds as possible. Men, women, and children, were perched aloft, as if all apprehension of danger was laid aside for the day.

About eleven o'clock the apparatus for filling the balloon was set to work, in Mr. Higginbotham's rope-yard, at Shude-hill, a place admirably adapted for the purpose, being sufficiently capacious for the purpose, and for the numerous and highly-respectable company which assembled, on the occasion, and, being walled round, enabled Mr. Sadler to secure, in the entrance-money, something towards a remuneration for the great expence (putting all personal risk out of the question) which he must necessarily have incurred.—We know not what number of persons were within the walls, but we apprehend they were not far short of two thousand, all apparently gratified in seeing the preparation, for what thirty years ago was deemed an impossibility—making an invisible agent subservient to the powers of man, and convey him through the wide expanse of the visible heavens.

At fifteen minutes past one o'clock, P. M. the signal gun was fired; at twenty minutes past one, the Pilot (a small paper balloon) was let off, to ascertain the direction of the wind. This had been rather too long inflated, and being made of nothing but oiled paper, was easily rent, and a considerable part of the gas had escaped before it was liberated, it therefore soon dropped, and was picked up in Newton-lane. Meantime anxiety ripened almost into impatience, whilst the great balloon, which was "to ride in the bosom of the air," between heaven and earth, was affixed to the car in which Mr. Sadler was to commit himself to the mercy of the winds. At last every preparative was accomplished, the extra ballast removed, his grappling irons, his provision basket, his barometer and telescope, and flags were loaded, and the veteran voyager of the skies took his place in the car. At forty minutes past one, P. M. the balloon was loosed by the spectators, who had assisted to detain it—and it majestically arose amidst the shouts of all the spectators in the Ropery, echoed by the two hundred thousand persons, who are supposed to have assembled on this occasion, on the outside of the yard.

The balloon took an easterly flight, and nearly in the direction of that in which, twenty-seven years ago, Mr. Sadler made his second ascent from that town.

About three o'clock the parachute, with a basket containing a cat, which Mr. Sadler had dropped from the balloon on its passage, was brought to town. It had fallen in the vicinity of Fairfield. Poor pussy was perfectly free from any wound whatever, notwithstanding the height from which she had been precipitated.

We are happy to state that the veteran aeronaut concluded his—

"Daring journey thro' a trackless space," in forty-eight minutes, and descended in perfect safety about six miles east of Sheffield.

MR. SADLER'S TWENTY-THIRD VOYAGE.

July 3, 1812.

The experienced Aeronaut, Mr. Sadler, gratified the inhabitants of Manchester and its neighbourhood on Monday last, by making his twenty-third aerial voyage from that place. The spot selected by him for that purpose, was one peculiarly well suited to it in all respects, namely, the Rope-yard of Mr. Higginbotham, at Shude Hill. The day was extremely favourable, and the concourse of people collected together exceeded 100,000. At forty minutes past one P. M. the cords which confined the balloon were loosed, and the adventurous voyager committed himself to the mercy of the winds, amidst the shouts and acclamations of an admiring multitude. The balloon took an easterly direction, nearly the same as that taken by Mr. Sadler in his second ascent from this place twenty-seven years ago; and, after remaining in the regions of the air forty-eight minutes, he descended at a village about six miles to the East of Sheffield. A post-chaise was immediately procured, upon the top of which the balloon and car were deposited, and he set off, with all convenient speed, on his return to Manchester, to receive the congratulation of his numerous friends upon his once more reaching *terra firma* in safety.

Mr. SADLER, the celebrated aeronaut, made his twenty-third ascent into the regions of air, from Mr. DAVENPORT'S rope-walk, Shude-hill, Manchester, on Tuesday, about one o'clock, amid the acclamations of an immense concourse of spectators, and after a voyage of about three-quarters of an hour, descended at Damflask, in the vicinity of Bradfield.

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Thunder has long been the established apology for bad ale. Another apology was found out on Wednesday, by an honest publican at Ashton, near Manchester:—A customer, calling for a pint of ale observed, "It was sour and muddy;" when Boniface, the landlord, exclaimed, "Aye, it is all owing to that damned SADLER—since he went over us, on Monday, we've had no good ale at Ashton!"

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LIVERPOOL.

ASCENT OF MR. SADLER.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 27.

This afternoon the inhabitants of this town were gratified with the long-expected ascent of this venerable and intrepid aeronaut. Several hours before the time fixed for the ascension, crowds of people had occupied all the lanes and avenues leading to the ground, which was a convenient enclosed field, near St. Domingo, about a mile and a half from the town. At twelve the town was nearly deserted, and the shops being almost universally shut, it wore the aspect of a Sunday, with scarcely a person in the streets. To such a complete solitude the town, it may be confidently said, was never before reduced, on any occasion. The balloon was inflated within the enclosed area, which was partitioned off into three divisions, for the admission of spectators, at fixed prices. Here upwards of two thousand persons were assembled; but the number of persons in the adjoining lanes and fields it is impossible to compute. An assemblage so vast, perhaps, was never before collected in this neighbourhood. The operation of filling the balloon commenced about ten o'clock, in which Mr. Sadler was greatly assisted by the scientific skill and the activity of Mr. Peter Clark, of Manchester. The Gentlemen forming the Committee of Superintendence also contributed their exertions.

After the balloon was inflated, the car was attached to it, and Mr. Sadler placed himself in his airy vehicle amidst the acclamations of the spectators. The Gentlemen surrounding the car then shook his hand, and the magnificent machine surmounted the walls of the area, and became visible to the multitudes on the outside. As usual, the aerial traveller was saluted with hearty bursts of huzz from innumerable voices, and the compliment was returned by the constant waving of a flag, alternately on each side the car.

The ascent, which took place at half past two, was sublime; not rapid, but deliberate and graceful; exhibiting the beautiful proportions of the whole vehicle, and the decorations of the car. So hestating was the ascent, that the spectators were gratified by the balloon hovering over them at a very low elevation for a considerable time, after which it gently expanded into the immensity of space. The wind took the aeronaut in a south-east direction towards Knowsley Park; but as it was not Mr. Sadler's intention to travel far, he attained his highest altitude in about twenty minutes, at which time the balloon itself was reduced to a very diminutive size, and the car was totally invisible. In his ascent the traveller poured out one of his bags of sand, and the stream of white particles glittering in the sun in its descent had a pretty effect. The sky being cloudless, the reflection of the sun upon the varnished silk and banners was also pleasing. It would have added to the interest of the spectacle had a few light clouds been drifting through the fields of air in the track of the balloon; but the gratification was too great, in fact, to allow us to call in the aid of fancy to picture an ideal which might have been more so.

In about twenty minutes the approach of the balloon to the earth was apparent, and the descent was gradual and majestic, till on a very near approach to the earth, more ballast was thrown out, when the balloon again ascended, but quickly resumed its downward motion, and we lost sight of it amongst the trees in the direction of West Derby, and we suppose the actual descent to have taken place in the neighbourhood of Knowsley Park, and about four miles from the place of ascent.—*Liverpool Courier.*

MR. SADLER'S AERIAL VOYAGE.

1812.

DUBLIN, Oct. 1.—This day Mr. Sadler ascended with his balloon from Dromcondra House, one mile north of Dublin, precisely at one o'clock. Immediately upon cutting the cord, by her Grace the Duchess of Richmond, which retained the machinery fixed to the earth, it arose in a most majestic style; having gained a considerable height, it turned three or four times round in the air as upon an axis vertical to the earth; it then took a course nearly north-east, and in twenty minutes, having passed over Lambay, was lost to the sight. Upon the balloon first rising above the trees and houses a cannon was fired, the report of which was repeated by others quite at the edge of the water; this was to give notice to the innumerable boats and vessels that were every where spread on the sea in his supposed track, to be attentive lest any accident should render their aid necessary. Never was there finer weather, and never was the population of an immense city more highly gratified.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 2.—Mr. Sadler's arrival from Ireland in his balloon! We understand Mr. Sadler started from Dublin yesterday morning at eleven o'clock, descended in the sea, near Ormshead, at five o'clock in the afternoon, and is now safe on board the *Princess* stationed here, to avoid the boisterous congratulations of the astonished public.

CROSSING THE CHANNEL IN A BALLOON.

On Tuesday a letter was received in town from Sadler, the veteran Aeronaut, in Dublin, from which the following is an extract:—

"I intend to make my ascension on Monday, the 23th, (Monday next), to cross the Channel to England. There will be stationed along the coast vessels on the look-out, and, in case I descend at sea, they will come to my assistance. The Gentlemen of Liverpool will have craft off that part of the coast. Mr. F——, Agent to the packets, will have vessels at Holyhead to inquire for me. Telegraphic signals are also to be fixed, so as to communicate to vessels, which will lay ready to convey the earliest intelligence of the course the balloon has taken."

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Mr. SADLER ascended in his balloon from Cambridge on Wednesday. Lieutenant PAGET had agreed to be his companion, and had seated himself in the car, but there being some difficulty in getting the balloon under weigh, Mr. SADLER was of opinion that it would not carry double, and Lieutenant PAGET reluctantly quitted it. The balloon rose about 21 minutes after two o'clock in the afternoon, moved towards the South, and in about two minutes was out of sight.

At three o'clock the gardens and Sidney college were opened for the subscribers and others, to the University breakfast; and in the evening the senate-house was filled for the fourth, and last concert.

Tuesday morning, the Chancellor went in state to the senate-house, when Doctors were created. The annual prizes left by Sir William Browne, to three Under Graduates, for the best odes in Latin and Greek, were adjudged by the Vice-Chancellor. His Royal Highness was attended by all the noblemen and gentlemen in Cambridge. When the ceremony was concluded, his Royal Highness took the tour of the colleges, and expressed his satisfaction of the general order which prevailed in them, and afterwards sat down to a sumptuous dinner at Caius college. In the evening, he went to Christ's college to supper.

Wednesday morning, the Chancellor finished his visitations to the several colleges; and at about one o'clock walked through the Great Court of Trinity college, from whence the balloon was to ascend, in order to inspect the operation of filling it, and afterwards ascended the top of the turret of the Great Gate, from whence he viewed the spectacle. The morning was one continued drizzle of rain, with some wind to the N.E. Mr. Sadler intended that his two daughters should ascend with him, had the weather been fine; that not being the case, however, the second seat in the balloon was engaged by Lieutenant Paget, at the price of 100 guineas.

At a quarter past two, Mr. Sadler and Lieutenant Paget were seated in the balloon, which had some difficulty in getting under weigh. At length, it was the aeronaut Captain's opinion, that the vessel would not carry the Lieutenant as well as himself: and Mr. Paget reluctantly stepped out of the car. At about twenty-one minutes after two o'clock the balloon rose, and immediately crossed the south side of Trinity Great Court, and over King's College Chapel. The balloon moved towards the south, steadily and beautifully rising gradually, or with a slight impulse, as Mr. Sadler threw out ballast. It remained in sight about two minutes, when a cloud enveloped it, and withdrew it from the view of the enraptured spectators, with as much quickness as the curtain falls upon an interesting scene of a play. At this moment the spectators gave Mr. Sadler a farewell cheer of encouragement and satisfaction.

Mr. Sadler alighted in a field near Stanstead, in Essex, 25 miles from Cambridge. He had been long before discerned by the inhabitants of that spot, and some labourers assisted his descent; some time elapsed before they could keep down the balloon. He immediately set off for Cambridge in a chaise and four, where he arrived at eight o'clock the same evening. The account which Mr. Sadler gives of his voyage is this: he ascended at fifteen minutes past two o'clock, and lost sight of Trinity College entirely in three minutes and a half, when he entered a mass of clouds, through which the balloon continued ascending, and in six minutes more was clear of the clouds. The observations which he made upon the clouds were, that from the time occupied in breaking through them, they must have been nearly one mile in thickness. The balloon still continued ascending, and, in a few minutes, he observed its shadow on the clouds, the balloon was then moving with great velocity, in a direction nearly east, still rising, till about ten minutes past three o'clock. The barometer at this time was 13, the thermometer 28 deg. From the direction and velocity of the wind, at the only time there was an opportunity of observing the progress of the balloon, Mr. Sadler was apprehensive that he should be carried to the sea-coast; in consequence of this he began to evaporate the gas, to find out at what part of the country he was in, and descended rapidly; but finding that the barometer fell, he threw out some ballast to moderate the descent, this occasioned the ascent for a short time, and, shortly after, Mr. Sadler descended. Mr. S. then observing, having neared the earth, that a small copse was at hand, in the direction the balloon was taking, judged it expedient to descend. The country around appeared, and was beautifully laid out with corn fields; and the balloon took the ground at fifty-minutes past three o'clock, at which time Mr. S. had been an hour and 35 minutes traversing the air.

Mr. Sadler ascends again on the Regent's birth-day (August 12), from Hackney.

Mr. SADLER ascends in his balloon at Cambridge on Wednesday next. In the car, which is to be attached to the balloon by thirty strong strings connected with the net-work that covers the whole, Mr. SADLER, his daughter, an interesting little girl, only fourteen years of age, and Dr. CLARKE, are to take their stations. They are to be provided with life-preservers, grappling-irons, and all the usual apparatus, and will ascend, as has already been stated, from the Great Square. *July 1. 1871*

CAMBRIDGE, JULY 3.

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MR. SADLER'S BALLOON. *12*

At a very early hour this morning the roads to this town were filled with persons of all descriptions, equestrian and pedestrian, invited by the prospect of the ascent of Mr. SADLER in his balloon. It seemed from the unusually great concourse that assembled, as if the surrounding Counties had emptied their contents to pour in here. So vast and unbounded is public curiosity, that numbers came from the farthestmost points of Norfolk and Suffolk, and by the hour of nine o'clock, the streets were one continued crowd. Labouring men and servant maids left their vocations, as did farmers, and their wives and daughters, and the titled and untitled—all flocked in, big with expectation, and hopeful of gratification! The unfavourable appearance of the morning, which at an early hour gave token of an inauspicious day, had no effect in preventing their journeying from home, and the consequence was, that amidst a misty rain which continued to fall at times until the hour had arrived for filling the balloon, the town presented one spectacle of pleased and joyous faces.

The balloon having been removed from the place of exhibition at the Tennis-court, to the great square of Trinity College, the place of ascension, preparations were made at the dawn of day for filling the same. Around the conduit which is in the middle of the square, three immense large vats were placed: of these vats two were employed in fermenting the oil of vitriol and steel filings, and the third in supplying the water for rectifying the gas to be passed into the balloon. About eight o'clock the balloon was fixed to two pulleys, and suspended by them from two long posts, encircled by a railing or fence nearly four feet high, which had been erected for the purpose of excluding spectators, and for the protection of the men employed in the work of filling the balloon. So early as ten o'clock several thousand persons had assembled in the square to view the process, most of them ladies. They were admitted by tickets, and so eager was curiosity, that notwithstanding it rained nearly the whole of the time, from that hour until the ascension of the Aeronaut, at 20 minutes past two o'clock, they stood the pelting of the storm without dismay. About twelve o'clock the pressure for admission was so great, that not only great inconvenience was felt, but many persons, particularly ladies, were much hurt. It was understood that Capt. PAGER of the Navy was to accompany Mr. SADLER on his intended aerial excursion, the design of taking his interesting little daughter with him having been abandoned by Mr. SADLER, on account of the unfavourable appearance of the atmosphere. The filling of the balloon was completed about two o'clock, and the car was then brought out from the lodge, and affixed to the balloon. In doing this, and for some time previous, it was found necessary to call in the aid of additional Peace Officers, to prevent any damage, as the crowd were pressing over the fence, and considerably impeding the progress of the work. About half-past one o'clock, his Highness the CHANCELLOR, accompanied by the Viceroy, the Bishops of BRISTOL and BATH and WELLS, Sir J. C. HIPPLESLEY, Lord BUCKINGHAM, &c. &c. returned from St. John's College, where he had been by invitation to partake of breakfast, and shortly after, just previous to the car being affixed to the net-work, information was sent to his Highness of the circumstance, and he came from the MASTER's house, having hold of the arm of Sir J. C. HIPPLESLEY, and attended by several Noblemen, and proceeded to the gate next Trumpington-street, where on the turrets of the tower a covering was fixed, in order to protect his Highness from the rain, which at that time was falling down very fast. In about a quarter it ceased to rain, and at two o'clock, the necessary apparatus being complete, Captain PAGER and Mr. SADLER, amidst a general huzzing and clapping of hands, prepared to take their seats. Mr. SADLER entered the car first, with a countenance undaunted. Captain PAGER prepared to follow, evincing a fortitude and unconcern, which evidently shewed him to be worthy of his profession—fearless of danger, and ready to contend with the element to which he had not been accustomed. Here, however, a sad disappointment occurred; for when the Captain had taken his seat, it was found, that the balloon, not being sufficiently inflated, would not carry two persons. In this dilemma, Mr. SADLER expressed his concern at the disappointment which Captain PAGER was fated to experience, and pledged his honour, that in August he would afford an opportunity to the Captain to take an aerial voyage with him from Birmingham. This promise the Captain was compelled to be satisfied with, and reluctantly he stepped out of the car, leaving the intrepid and venerable Aeronaut to traverse the regions of air alone. While every eye was turned towards Mr. SADLER, a scene presented itself, which those best can describe, and those best can appreciate the value of, who are fathers. Mr. SADLER's interesting little daughter, the same who was to have accompanied him in his voyage, embraced her parent, who returned the embrace with a parental feeling, to which description is inadequate.—The tear of affection bedewed the cheeks of both, and the sentiment communicated itself to the surrounding spectators, who, while they participated in the feelings of the father and the child, almost at the same instant bore testimony to his character as a man, and as the unfortunate father of a large family (for unfortunate he has been!), by a sympathy but ex-

pressed by the silent tear. Resuming the heroism so naturally his own, Mr. SADLER, at 20 minutes past two o'clock exactly seated himself in the car. It was then the shout of approbation was heard re-echoed from every corner of the College, as the balloon majestically rose to the height of about 100 feet. Mr. SADLER, with a countenance illuminated with smiles, stood up, waving his hat and his flag.—When the balloon was sufficiently above the College to be witnessed by the spectators without the walls, the air resounded with their acclamations. It continued rising slowly, in the most majestic manner, for the space of three minutes and a quarter, affording thereby a scene, which on every side was admitted to be sublimely grand! During this almost perpendicular ascension, Mr. SADLER continued saluting the spectators, which they returned by the most unbounded acclamations; and then the balloon taking a southerly direction, proceeded with a celerity the London course, and shortly after entered a cloud, and was lost to the sight. It was then that an involuntary burst of applause again broke forth, which was not confined to those within the College, but was equally sent forth through the town and the adjacent country. The spectators all wished the voyager a safe return, and it may be possible before I close my letter, that I shall be enabled to communicate the account of the voyage.

CAMBRIDGE, THURSDAY.

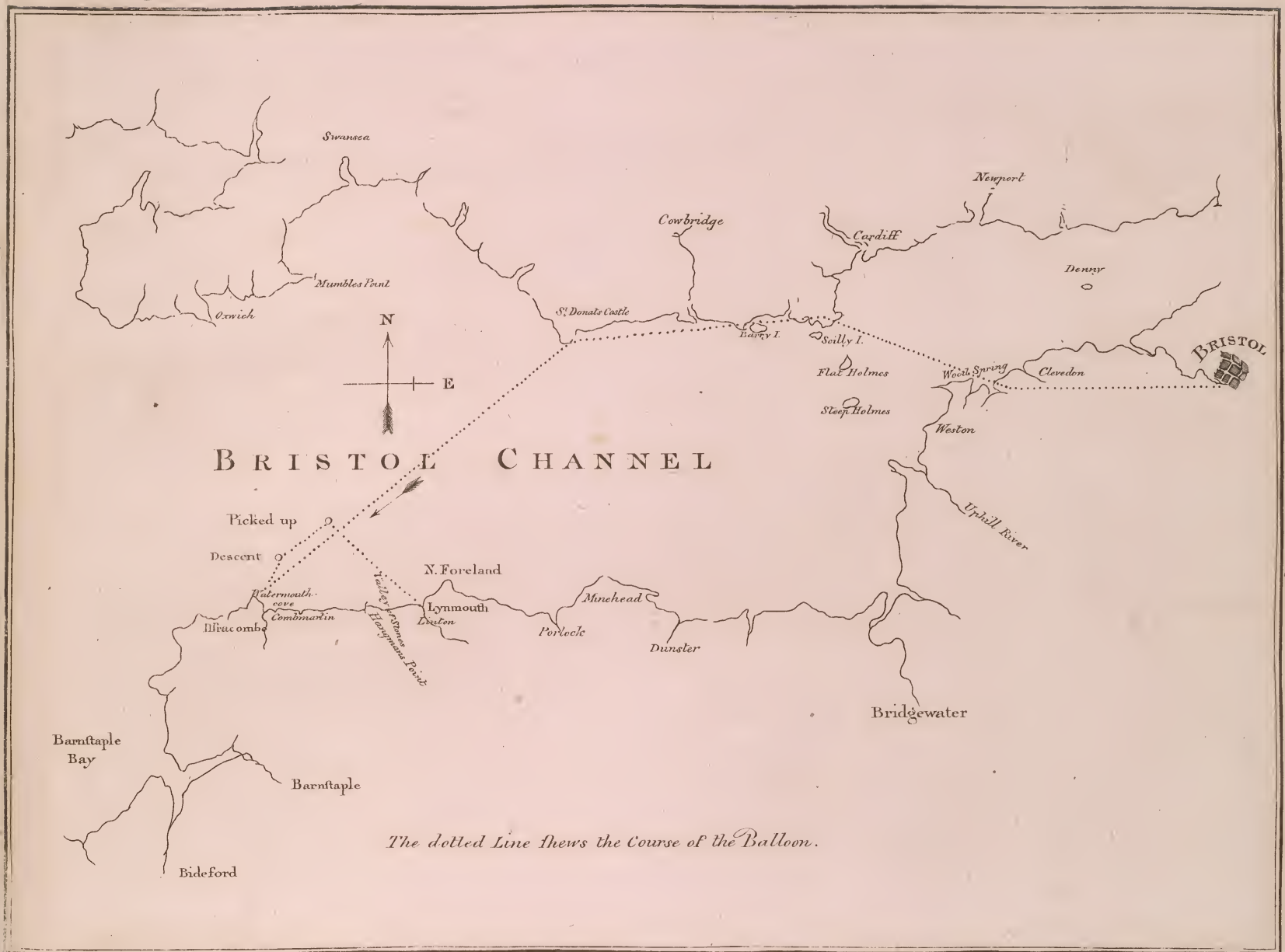
July 5. 1871
Just after the express had left Cambridge with my letter of yesterday, information was brought by express, that Mr. SADLER had safely alighted in a field near Standon, in Hertfordshire, distant about thirty-four miles from here. Scarce was this intelligence received, when a post-chaise and four, about nine o'clock, drove into the town with Mr. SADLER. On the top of the chaise was tied his car, the balloon was inside. Immediately every one ran out to greet his safe return. He drove to Mr. NICHOLSON's, in Trumpington-street, opposite the gate of Trinity College, where he alighted amidst the huzzas of an immense crowd of persons. Great numbers rushed up stairs to congratulate him; and to all the numerous inquiries as to the voyage he had taken, he answered with a politeness and affability which made a great impression in his favour. Having satisfied the querists, he proceeded to Trinity College, to pay his respects to the Gentlemen, and was escorted thither by the populace, who rent the air with their shouts.

The account which he gives of his voyage is this: he ascended at fifteen minutes past two o'clock, and lost sight of Trinity College entirely in three minutes and a half, when he entered a mass of clouds, through which the balloon continued ascending, and in six minutes more was clear of the clouds. The observations which he made upon the clouds, were, that from the time occupied in breaking through them, they must have been nearly one mile in thickness. The balloon still continued ascending, and in a few minutes he observed its shadow on the clouds, the balloon was then moving with great velocity, in a direction nearly east, still rising till about ten minutes past three o'clock. The barometer at this time was 13. the thermometer 28°. From the direction and velocity of the wind, at the only time there was an opportunity of observing the progress of the balloon, Mr. SADLER was apprehensive that he should be carried to the sea coast; in consequence of this he began to evaporate the gas, to find out at what part of the country he was in, and descended rapidly, but finding that the barometer fell, he threw out some ballast to moderate the descent, this occasioned the ascent for a short time, and shortly after

Mr. SADLER descended. Mr. S. then observing, having neered the earth, that a small copse was at hand, in the direction the balloon was taking, judged it expedient to descend. The country around appeared, and was beautifully laid out with corn fields; and the balloon taking the ground at 50 minutes past three o'clock, at which time Mr. SADLER had been an hour and 35 minutes traversing the air. The balloon took the ground in the midst of a barley field, rebounded completely over it, and, after dragging across a field, was for an instant arrested in its progress by a hedge. The shouts of the people were distinctly heard by Mr. SADLER, when at a considerable height, previous to his descent. In a minute or two after the descent, a man came up, and assisted in endeavouring to secure the balloon, but the violence of the wind soon disengaged the car, which was dragged, with the man, to a great distance, until stopped by another hedge. The hoop then got entangled in a tree, the man holding on all the while. At this moment another man came up, and shortly after he was followed by a vast number of people, by whose assistance the balloon was secured, but not until it had received great damage. In the descent Mr. SADLER encountered a very severe squall.

When Mr. SADLER was on his return to Cambridge, the post-chaise in which he was, passed the carriage of his Highness the CHANCELLOR, who immediately perceiving the Aeronaut, sent one of his servants after him, and Mr. SADLER directed the boys to turn round, got out of the chaise, and paid his respects to his Highness, who very condescendingly congratulated him on his safe voyage.

From the time the balloon was in progress, Mr. SADLER conceives he must have travelled upwards of ninety miles, having taken a course at first due south, and then bore round to the eastward.



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AN
AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT
OF

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WHO ASCENDED

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From a Field in the Neighbourhood of Stoke's-Croft,

Bristol,

On Monday, September 24th, 1810.

TO WHICH IS ANNEXED,

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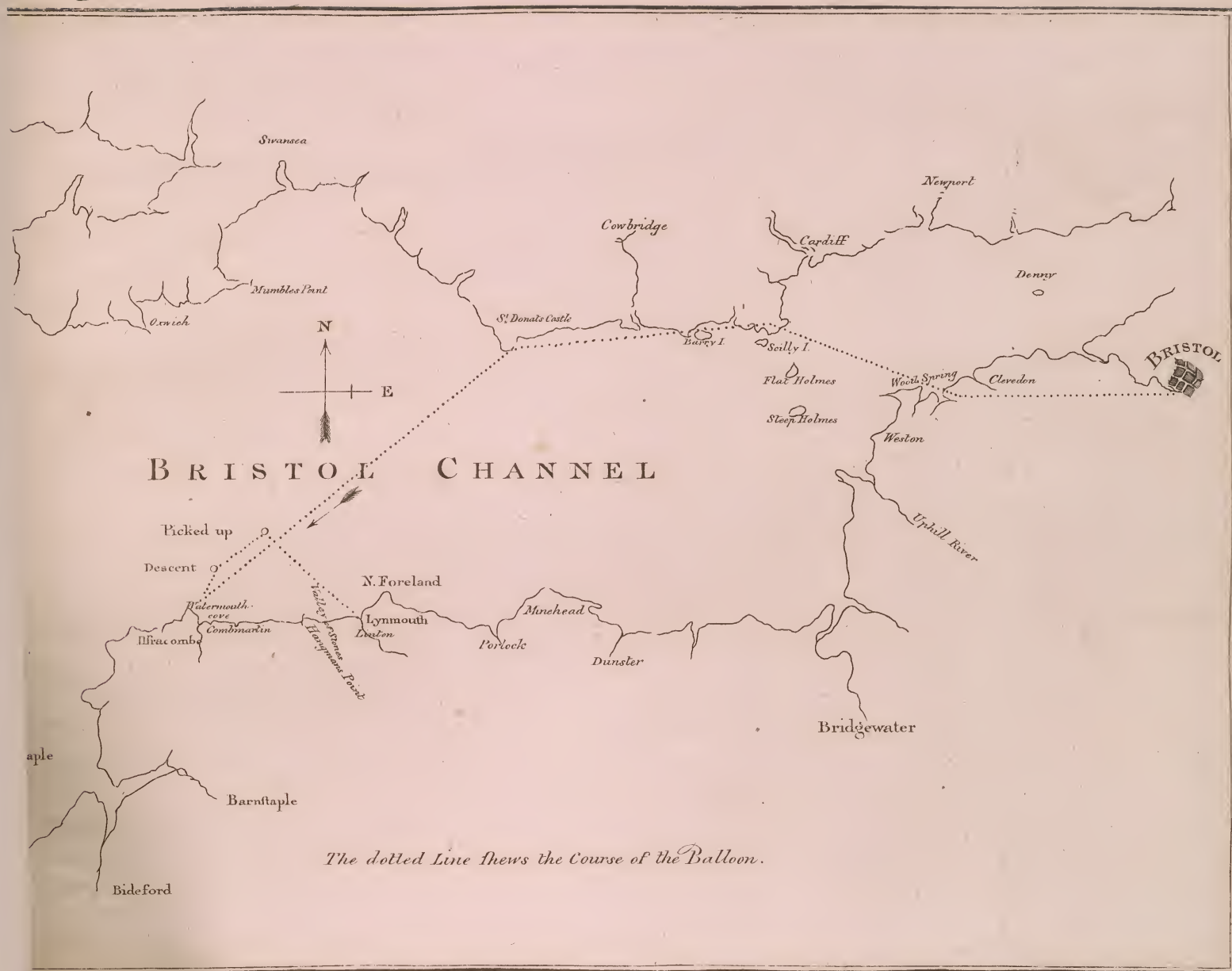
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ACCOUNT, &c.

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Its circumference is 30 yards; and it contains nearly 1900 yards of varnished silk, elegantly variegated in alternate perpendicular stripes; divided by a circular band, with the following superscription in gold letters:

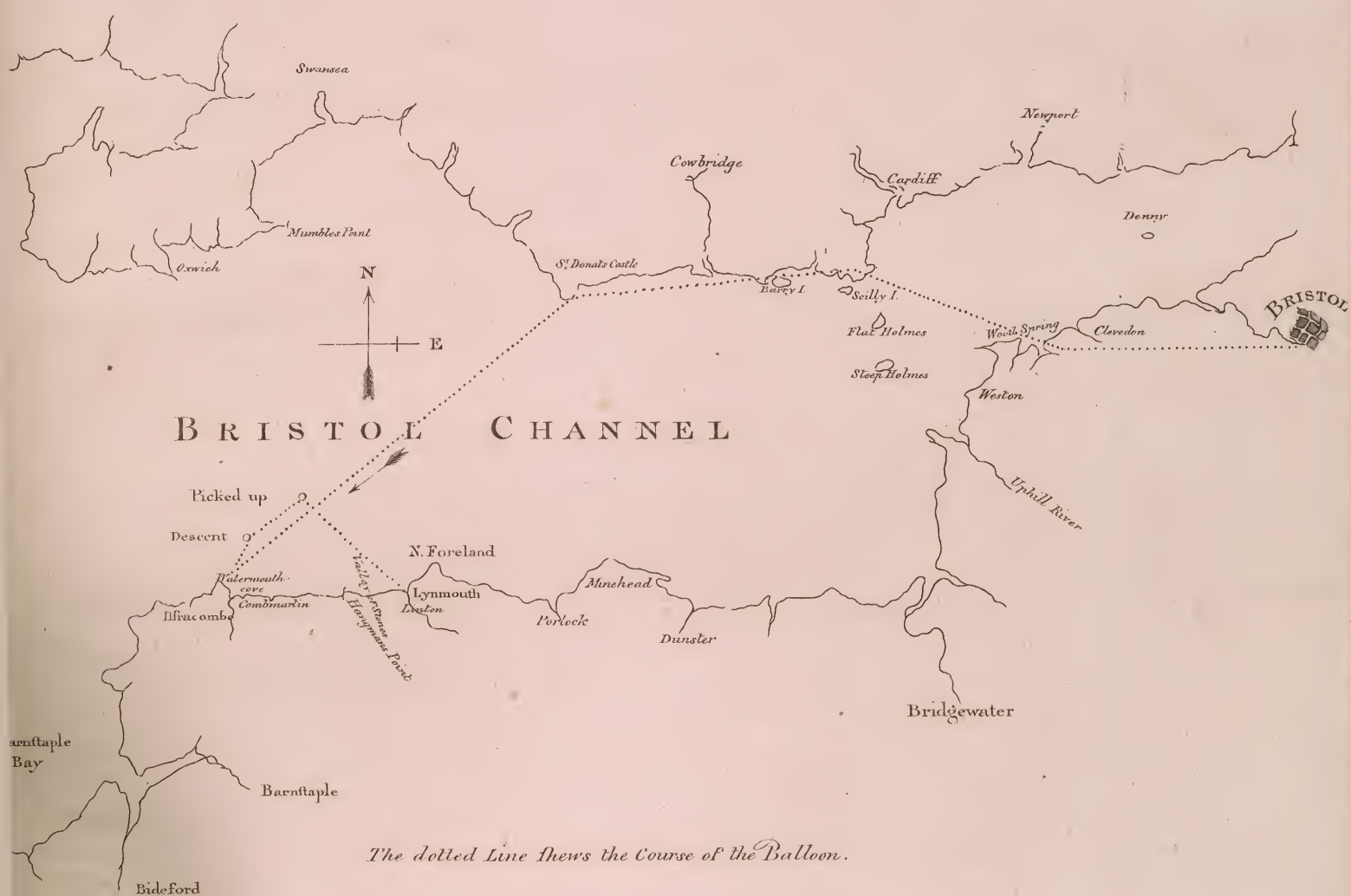
"Right Hon. Wm. Windham Grenville, Bart. de Wotton,
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in honor of the late installation, when Mr. Sadler ascended from Oxford.

Berkeley Square was first fixed upon for the ascent, but some difficulties having arisen, a field was procured for the purpose, behind Stokes Croft, and a detachment from the Royal Bristol Volunteers, commanded by Col. GORE, very handsomely volunteered their services to preserve the ground from the intrusion of the populace.

The apparatus having completely inflated the Balloon with hydrogen gas, by about one o'clock, this astonishing specimen of human ingenuity was conveyed towards the middle of the field and affixed to the Car. Thermometer at about 62.

A salute of 21 guns announced to the many anxious thousands, that all was in readiness; Miss Sadler had intended to have accompanied her father, but the wind blowing fresh from the N. E. she was dissuaded from it, as it must have been obvious that the machine would soon clear the few miles of land between Bristol and the Severn, and probably have to contend with the latter in its descent, when Mr. SADLER, accompanied by Mr. W. CLAYFIELD, entered the Car, and in about 20 minutes the cords which held it to the earth were released, the Balloon rose with the most majestic grandeur, amidst the shouts of at least two hun-



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ed with spectators.

The ascent was exceedingly rapid, though the
Æronauts were themselves insensible to the motion,
whilst the City and its Inhabitants appeared to be
so rapidly descending and diminishing in size,
as to convey the idea of their being about to be
engulphed in an abyss, by a tremendous Earth-
quake; about half a mile high the Balloon was
enveloped in a thick black cloud, when the Earth
was no longer visible. The cloud did not in the
least wet or incommode the æronauts; and when
passed, the grandeur and sublimity of the view
exceeded the power of description. On looking
back on the cloud from which the Æronauts had
emerged, the most beautiful appearance exhibited
itself. The shadow of the Balloon was observed
in its center, surrounded with a most resplendent
halo or circular rainbow. The Balloon still as-
cended rapidly, and soon entered a second cloud.

At 2 o'clock, the Thermometer was at 47.
Passing over the River nearly perpendicular with
the Dowager Lady SMYTH's, at the Redcliff, the
Parachute was suspended, with a Cat in a Basket
attached to it, was disengaged in its passage over
Leigh Down and descended rapidly for a consi-

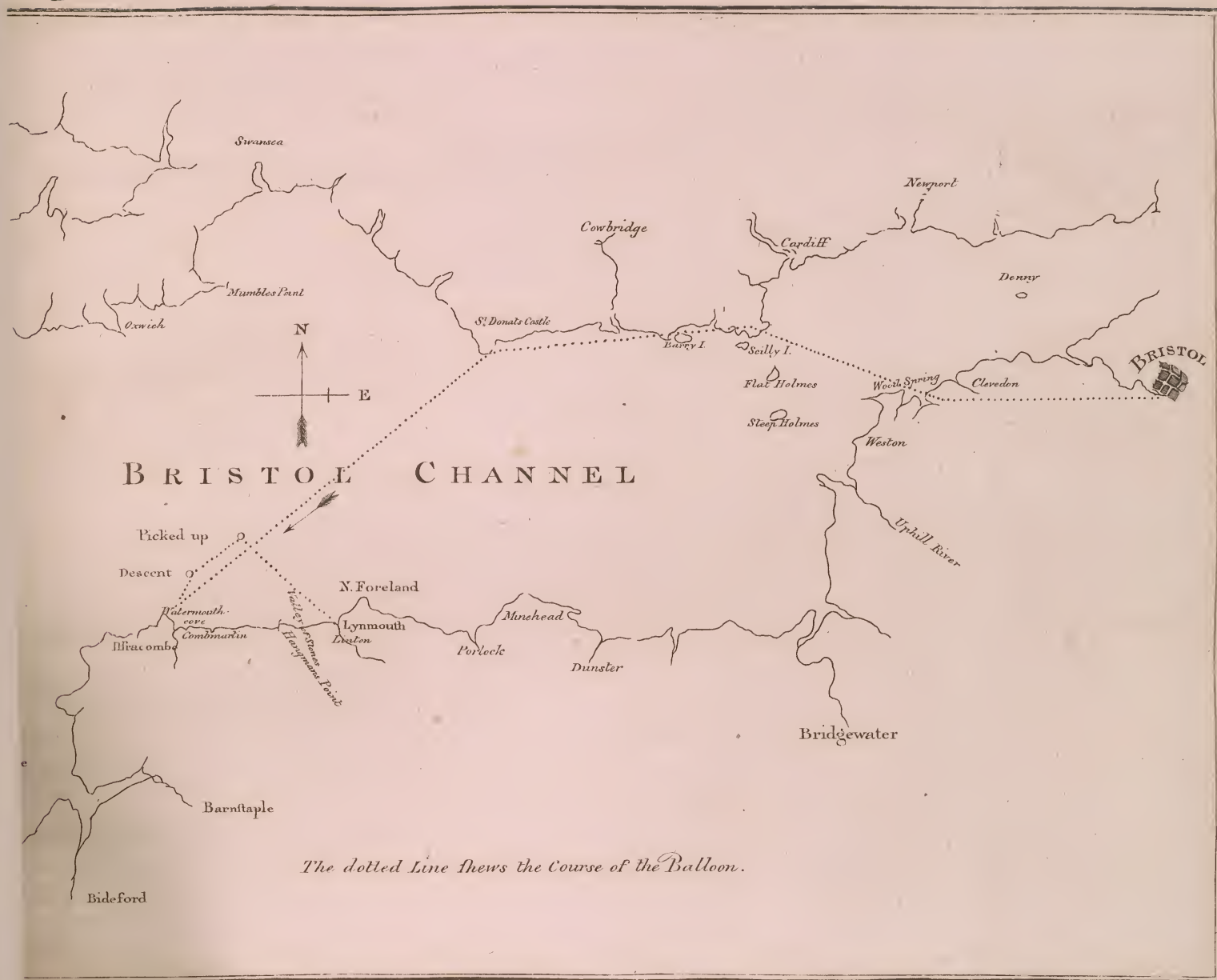
derable time before it expanded, when its motion was slow and peculiarly graceful. The animal alighted in safety near the Warren House, and was picked up by a man at work on the spot.

At $\frac{1}{4}$ past 2 o'clock the Balloon was perpendicular with Woodspring, on the Somerset Coast, near Clevedon; and, leaving England, passed rapidly over the Bristol Channel towards Wales.

In the mid-channel at about 25 minutes past 2 the Valve was opened, and approaching Cardiff the Thermometer at 55, the Machine descended so low that the shouts of the Cambrians, and noise of the Breakers between Scilly and Barry Islands, could be distinctly heard.

At this time, there being but little chance of being able to reach the main land, and a strong current of air impelling the Balloon towards the open sea, more ballast was thrown out; and, by accident, Mr. SADLER's hat accompanied it.

This upper current of air may possibly arise from the Sea Breeze which generally flows over the land during the latter part of the day, occasioning a vacuity on the surface of the water, which, of course, must be filled up by the descent of a quantity of air drawn from a higher



level, flowing from the land in a contrary direction; if so, the only safe way of clearing the water, and reaching the land in a Balloon would be to keep it as near the surface as possible; or else to take so great an elevation with it as to be no longer subject to the influence of these counter currents. This theory is submitted to the consideration of more experienced Aeronauts, and must be put to the test of future experiments.

From $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2, the Balloon continued descending till 40 minutes past 2 o'clock, when it was nearly perpendicular with the Flat Holmes, the Light-House being very visible. Still continuing to descend most rapidly towards the sea, a quantity of sand was shaken from one of the bags, but the Balloon still sinking with very great velocity, several other bags were thrown over, which instantaneously caused an ascent so rapid as to bring the Balloon in contact with the sand from the first-mentioned bag, which fell into the car in a profuse shower.

The Balloon continued to run down the Welsh coast as far as St. Donats, below Cowbridge, and it was expected would have gone towards Swansea; when, still ascending, it met with a current of air which immediately altered its course, carrying it in a S.W. direction towards the coast of Devon.

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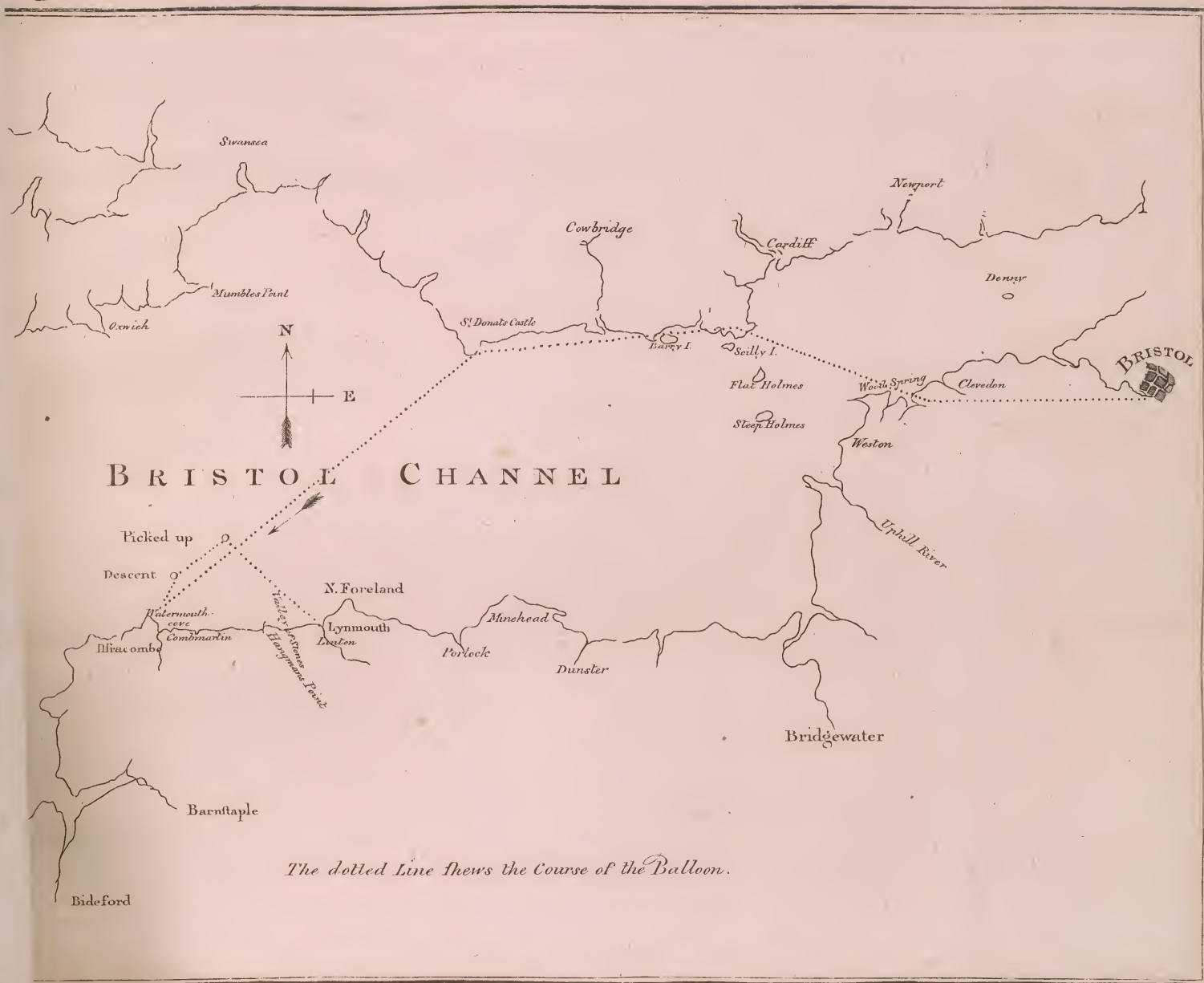
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A singular effect was now observed, which Mr. SADLER conceived to be very unusual, the Balloon being in one current, and the Car in another; a strong and rather cold stream of air was felt blowing in the faces of the Æronauts for some minutes.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3, mid-channel, Lundy Island appearing in the distance, the gas, in consequence of its expansion, feeling very cold, and escaping very fast from the silk tube, which acted as a safety valve.—Thermometer 44°.

The Balloon continued to ascend till 40 minutes after 3 o'clock; when its elevation, as far as could be judged of without the aid of a Barometer, (the one taken up having sustained an injury in the field, after being placed in the Car, which rendered it useless) was about two miles and a half.—The Thermometer at 37°.

The scene now was strikingly grand, the clouds appearing to be nearly a mile below the Balloon, spreading themselves along the horizon over South Wales, in some places faintly shaded, resembling a mountainous country covered with snow, far beneath which in front, and in some few openings in the distance, the country was strongly illumi-



nated, and coloured with all the varied and glowing tints of Autumn.

At this elevation, the clearness of the air rendered the respiration of the Aeronauts extremely delightful, the pulse being full and strong, with a slight throbbing of the arteries of the head.

Though the Thermometer had been falling the greater part of the voyage, and was now so near the freezing point, no cold was perceivable, the power of the Sun's rays having encreased so as to occasion that scorching sensation which frequently follows a heavy shower of rain.

The balloon, still nearing the coast of Devon, the Barnstable and Bideford rivers were very apparent, when a faint idea of the extent and grandeur of the view may be formed by the following description; the whole coast of Devon with Lundy Island and part of Cornwall, the latter faintly discernable in the distance, in front; St. George's Channel, with the Welsh and Irish Coasts, on the right; and in the rear, the Flat and Steep Holmes and the coast of Monmouth.

At 55 minutes past 3, about 9 miles off Linton, a small town on the coast of Devon, between Ilfracombe and Porlock.

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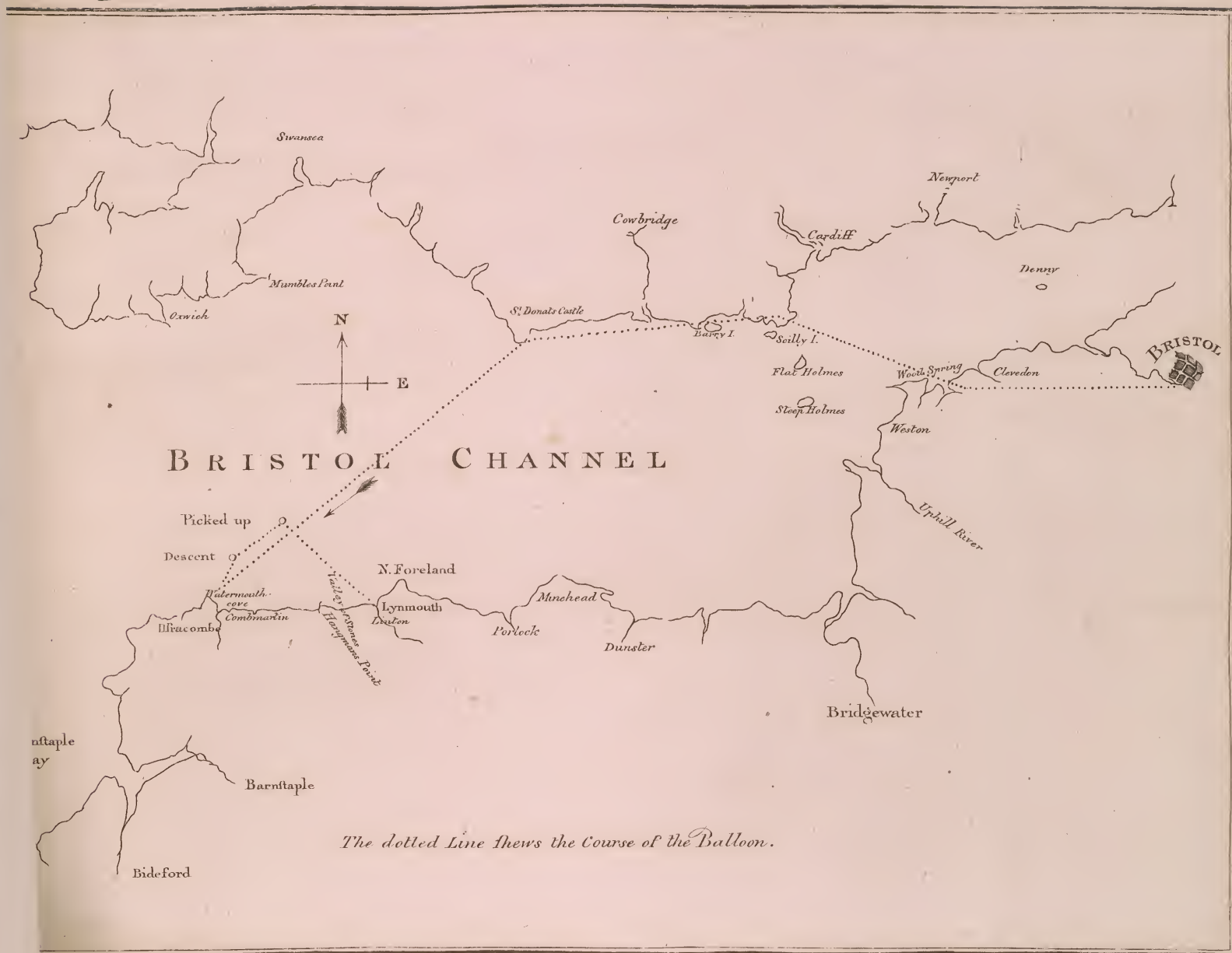
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The view now was strikingly grand, the clouds appeared to be nearly a mile below the Balloon, and the country along the horizon over South Devon, in some places faintly shaded, resembling a country covered with snow, far in the distance, the country was strongly illuminated.

At ten minutes past four o'clock, being desirous of nearing the coast, threw out every thing that could be parted with, including a great-coat, a valuable barometer and thermometer, a speaking-trumpet, the grappling iron,—and even part of the interior covering of the Car,—in the hope of reaching the main land about Barnstaple ; but, owing to the exhaustion of the gas, the Balloon would not rise sufficiently to clear the high cliffs of Watermouth, near Combe-Martin.

The Balloon still descending, met with a new current of air from the land which impelled it again towards the open channel ; when seeing no prospect but of contending with the sea, the Life Preservers were secured by the Aeronauts. A few minutes afterwards, the Car, with violent agitation, came in contact with the waves, about four miles from the shore.

At this critical moment, their perilous situation was descried, from the Cliffs of Lymouth, by Mr. RUSSCOMBE POOLE, of Bridgwater, Mr. SANFORD, of Ninehead, the Rev. Mr. ROWE, and some other Gentlemen, whose zealous and well-directed efforts, did them great credit. A well manned boat was immediately dispatched to their assistance, which when first discovered by the Aeronauts, was considered to be a bird floating on the



water.—The Car, nearly filled with water, was dragged along, the Balloon acting as a sail, when the cords of the netting pointed out that they were drifting very rapidly from shore up Channel.

After being in this state for a full hour, the water increasing very fast, the Boat approached; when every effort was made to secure and exhaust the Balloon, to accomplish which took nearly two hours.

About nine o'clock at night, the party, unable, from the roughness of the beach, to walk without assistance, arrived at the Pier of Lynmouth, a small romantic sea-port, where refreshments were most hospitably supplied, and they were enabled to reach the town of Linton, on the top of the neighbouring hill. Congratulations accompanied the Aeronauts through every town on their way home, where they arrived about 12 o'clock on Wednesday, to the great satisfaction, and amidst the heartfelt cheerings, of the Citizens of Bristol; after having passed over upwards of eighty miles of water, and about twenty of land, in less than three hours.

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25 Aug. 1785.
 Past one o'clock on Thursday last Mr. Sadler, of Oxford, ascended in his new balloon from Mr. Wheeler's garden at Worcester. By a person who left that city at seven o'clock on Friday morning, we are told, that no certain accounts were then received at what place he descended.

On Thursday last, about half after one o'clock, Mr. Sadler ascended with his balloon from Worcester. He intended to have gratified a prodigious concourse of spectators by continuing a considerable time within their view; but his design was frustrated, and their pleasure consequently shortened, by the intervention of a thick cloud; by which accident the balloon was visible but little more than four minutes. He descended about four o'clock in a corn-field, in the parish of Yarcle, distant between seven and eight miles from this city.
 Sept. 1. 1785

AEROSTATION. Sept. 13. 1785
 On Saturday last in the afternoon Mr. Sadler ascended into the atmosphere, on his seventh aerial voyage, from Mr. Wheeler's garden in the city of Worcester. The balloon was in sight for near three quarters of an hour, and made a most beautiful picturesque appearance, affording no small pleasure to many thousands of spectators: notwithstanding, a bevy of fair ones (whom the Music Meeting and Madam Mara had brought to Worcester) attended the exhibition, and being moved and seduced by the insinuation of the little mischievous god, Cupid, and of wantonness aforethought, did, by certain powers and spells of beauty, and by certain captivating smiles, dimples, gestures, and other fascinating and enchanting manœuvres, subtilly and unlawfully draw off and allure a very large number (to wit) one thousand and upwards of his Majesty's liege male subjects (then and there attending, and then and there intending to view the ascension of Mr. Sadler and his balloon) from their attention and regard to the said celestial traveller and his balloon, by diverting (in the manner of a basilisk) the direction of the eyes of his Majesty's liege male subjects afore said from the beauty of the balloon and its conductor, to their own more transcendent, more attracting, and more agreeable charms: by which means and devices his Majesty's liege male subjects afore said were as totally ignorant of what was transacting in the clouds by Mr. Sadler and his balloon, as if they had been the whole time picking strawberries in the gardens of the Grand Signor at Constantinople.

Mr. Sadler has at length found his balloon, at Middleton, near Durham, distant from Worcester upwards of 250 miles. 3 Oct. - 1785.

On Wednesday last, at half past two o'clock, Mr. Sadler ascended with his Balloon from the Wharf, near Stroud, Gloucestershire. The hills around were covered with spectators, who expressed great pleasure at the sight. After soaring to a considerable height, he descended in about a quarter of an hour near Stanley-park, the seat of Thomas Peitat, Esq. The concourse of people from all sides of the country was prodigious. The hospitality which has ever marked the character of the environs of Stroud was fully displayed upon this occasion. Handsome cold collations were spread on every board to regale their numerous visitors.
 19 Oct - 1785.

Extract of a letter from Worcester, Sept. 15.
 "On Saturday last, about 25 minutes past three, Mr. Sadler ascended from Mr. Wheeler's gardens near this city, in his beautiful new balloon, amidst the acclamations and applause of thousand of spectators. At his first setting off the balloon was stopped for some seconds by a large pear tree which obstructed its ascent; but it soon after rose in a most majestic manner, and the day being remarkably favourable, continued in sight more than 35 minutes. When at its greatest elevation, Mr. Sadler was obliged to keep his valve continually open, to prevent any accident from the great expansion of the inclosed air. The sudden condensation of it shortly after, occasioned by his meeting with a very cold assemblage of vapours, hastened his descent much more speedily than he could have wished.—He descended about nine miles beyond Lichfield, but for want of his grappling iron, which in the confusion of his first ascent had been thrown out of his car, he could not make the balloon fast, but fell out. By this unfortunate accident his balloon escaped from him, and in less than five minutes was lost to sight, in the upper regions. Lord Uxbridge, near whose seat this accident happened, dispatched his carriage for him, and received him with the utmost politeness. He was not materially hurt by his fall; but has hitherto received no certain news concerning his balloon." 17 Oct. 5

Mr. Sadler, who ascended in his balloon on Saturday last from Worcester, descended the same evening near Litchfield, in Staffordshire, being forty-two miles distant from Worcester. He unfortunately left his anchor at Worcester, the want of which occasioned some impediment in his landing.
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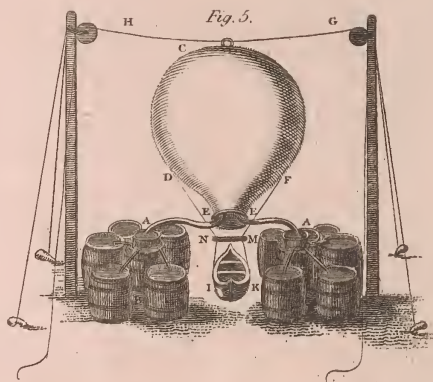
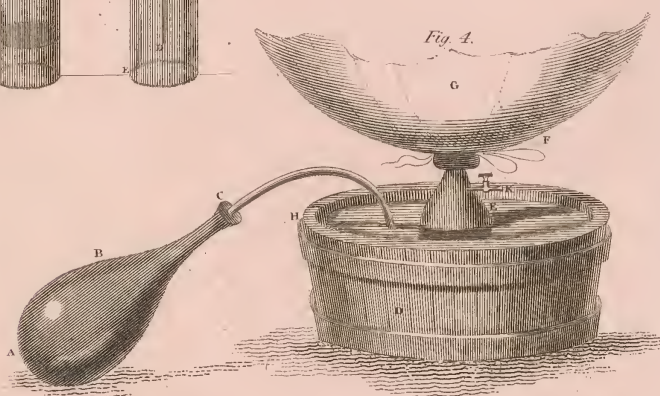
PROVINCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

On Monday, about one o'clock, Mr. Sadler, accompanied by Mr. Clayfield, ascended in a balloon from Bristol, and till Wednesday noon their friends were in the utmost anxiety respecting their fate. On that day, however, they returned in the Somerset coach. It appears that being blown off the Welch coast, the balloon descended at sea about five o'clock on Monday afternoon, after having passed through a space of 100 miles in about three hours. They continued an hour in the water before they were picked up, during which they were carried gently along before the wind, the balloon acting as a sail. As both the Aeronauts were provided with life preservers, they were under no apprehensions of drowning. During their marine voyage, the wind, which had driven them off the shore, shifted, and being drifted back towards the coast, they were picked up about five miles off Lymouth, a little to the North of Ilfracombe. The travellers sustained no injury. In the management of the Balloon they encountered considerable difficulty, and both became at last nearly exhausted. At a quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon the Balloon was observed to descend with astonishing precipitancy into the sea, five miles from Lymouth, on the North Devon coast, and a boat was immediately sent off to its assistance. The voyagers were brought to shore in a state of extreme fatigue, and Mr. Sadler was unable to stand, from having been some time in the water before the boat could reach the Balloon. The distance they travelled, Mr. Sadler says, could not be less than one hundred miles; and this was performed in the surprisingly short space of three hours only! Their perilous situation may be in some degree imagined, having discharged all their ballast, flung out their great coats, and every thing else they possessed, including a favourite barometer given to Mr. Sadler by Dr. Johnson, for which he has been offered two hundred guineas. It was by mere accident the Balloon was observed to fall in the sea; and had it not been a remarkably serene evening, the parties must inevitably have perished. The gas was so expended, that the Balloon could not have floated an hour longer in the sea. They endeavoured to reach Ireland, but found it impossible.—*Taunton Courier*, Sept. 10/12

Fig. 1.

*M. Sadler's Ascent from Merton Fields, Oxford.*

Fig. 2.



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ALFRED BALLOON, OXFORD.

Early on Friday morning, and during the whole of the forenoon, company were incessantly pouring into Oxford, Mr. Sadler having announced his intention on that day of once more ascending in his balloon. Pursuant to this promise, the necessary preparations were made behind Corpus Christi college, where the ground had been previously fenced off; and about half past one o'clock the balloon was judged sufficiently inflated, and the car for accommodating two passengers began to be attached by fixing it to the cords of the netting. This operation was greatly impeded by the pressure of the crowd. At two o'clock, however, every thing having been adjusted, Colonel Fitzpatrick and Mr. Sadler seated themselves in the car, when the balloon was found incapable of ascending with both the passengers, and the Colonel being resolved not to quit his seat, a due proportion of ballast was added, and after receiving the flag and proper instructions from Mr. Sadler, he ascended alone. The day being perfectly serene, the balloon rose with slow majestic grandeur, bearing to the South-West, and continued perceptible, though at a great distance, for about 47 minutes, at which time it seemed to sink gradually into the horizon.

The Colonel manifested a cool intrepidity, both before, and after the balloon had been launched, and continued waving his flag as long as he could possibly retain sight of the spectators below.

In his passage the Colonel had not expended any of his ballast, but descended in consequence of a rent near the bottom of the balloon, occasioned by the expansion of the internal air, which was not discovered by Mr. Fitzpatrick till after he had reached the ground.

He descended near Kingston Lisle, opposite the White Horse hills, Berks, without the least injury; where he was assisted by the country people in securing the balloon.

Mr. Sadler, who had followed from Oxford in a post-chaise, came up with the Colonel at this place, from whence they both returned to Wantage; and, after taking some refreshment, Mr. Fitzpatrick set out for London, and Mr. Sadler reached Oxford, with the balloon, a little before twelve o'clock.

PROVINCIALS.

THE BALLOON.

OXFORD, JULY 3.—The ascent of Messrs. Sadler in their balloon, took place about two o'clock, P.M. The course taken by the balloon was almost due N.E. The greatest height that it ever ascended from the earth, was not more than two miles and an half; and at the time the parachute was disengaged, the altitude was not so great as we imagined from our observation by the quadrant, and, indeed, only about half that distance. The direction taken by the balloon was to the left of Aylesbury, between that town and Bicester. It floated directly over Winslow, in Bucks, having before swept off Moor Brill, &c. &c. The canal was visible to the aeronauts, for a length of time; and above Wootton they met with a contrary current of air, which detained them for a length of time, and compelled them to make a complete circle in the air. They then resumed their original course, and, after a transit of two hours and 29 minutes, alighted about five miles north-west of Newport Pagnell, by Amptill, having left Woburn on their right, and Stoney Stratford on their left. Their descent was beautiful and gradual for about three quarters of an hour. At first they approached the earth where a number of hay-makers were at work; but they, though repeatedly bailed to take hold of the ropes thrown out, were too much terrified by the new phenomenon to lend our adventurous traveller any assistance. From this they skinned a wheat-field, in which the car took the ground, and they rebounded about forty feet, and cleared the adjoining hedge. The voyagers then threw out the grappling-iron with which they were provided, and after dragging along the field, which was of barley, for some seconds, it brought them to anchor in a high quick-set fence, on this side of which the car rested in Buckinghamshire, while the balloon itself swung over into the other side of the hedge, in Bedfordshire. In this situation assistance was gradually procured, the more adventurous and bold of the parishioners advancing first, when the balloon, car, &c. were properly secured. A neighbouring farmer volunteered a cart, and the aeronauts, with their equipage, arrived safely at Newport Pagnell, and from thence to Buckingham, where they slept a few hours, and then proceeded terrestrially to Oxford. —It would be a tedious description could we detail the remarks of the gentes rustice, at the time of this ascent, or the strange reports we heard from the country, over which the wondrous machine floated. One party were expressing their surprise, how the aeronauts could get into the balloon, after filling it so full. Another more learned expected to see them mount the distended sphere. In its progress it scattered terror unutterable, and those ill-informed of what was going on about them, took it, at least, for an angelic visitation, if not for the approach of the very last day. The dismay spread for thirty miles, and was beyond description. In some places, where the exhibition had been heard of, the villagers hailed the travellers as they passed over them, and, at the distance of a couple of miles from the earth these shouts were distinctly heard.

On Friday Mr. Sadler prepared to ascend in his balloon. Every thing having been adjusted, Colonel Fitzpatrick and Mr. Sadler seated themselves in the car, when the balloon was found incapable of ascending with both the passengers, and the Colonel being resolved not to quit his seat, a due proportion of ballast was added, and after receiving the flag and proper instructions from Mr. Sadler, he ascended alone. The day being perfectly serene, the balloon rose with slow majestic grandeur, bearing to the south west, and continued perceptible, though at a great distance, for about 47 minutes, at which time it seemed to sink gradually into the horizon; and last night a person from Kingston-Lisle, near Farringdon, Berks, reports that the Colonel descended there without having expended any of his ballast; and it was rumoured that he had ascended again. Oxford. June 25. 1805



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First English Aeronaut.
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*The ASCENT of M^{rs} GRAHAM with the ROYAL VICTORIA BALLOON,
Accompanied by M^{rs} W.H. Adams and Miss Dean, the only three female
Aeronauts that ever ascended alone, from the MERMAID TEA GARDEN'S, HACKNEY.
on the 9th of August, 1837.*

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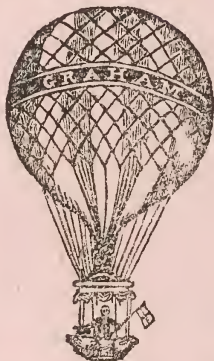
Mr. Graham made an aerial excursion on Monday, from the gardens of the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Mr. Sadler, jun. intended to ascend with him; but it was found that the balloon would not support two, and he reluctantly quitted the car. The balloon then ascended with Mr. G. alone, in a steady and majestic manner. The aeronaut stood up in the car without his coat, waving his flag, and bowing to the spectators as he parted from them. The balloon continued to rise very slowly for the first quarter of an hour, and then for a time seemed stationary. The reflection of the sun on the variegated colours rendered it a very imposing spectacle. For the first half hour the whole was distinctly visible. It then seemed to ascend and to travel more south, until the aeronaut was no longer perceptible, and the balloon was diminished in size. It continued in view an hour and ten minutes, when it was observed to descend with every appearance of perfect safety.

The Descent.—After a pleasant journey of one hour and fifty minutes, Mr. Graham descended, at ten minutes past six o'clock, in a field in the village of Oakshot, a mile and a half beyond Claremont, twelve from London, and fourteen from Kew, and arrived in town at twelve o'clock on Monday night. He says, that, when in the air, he experienced the most severe cold, particularly in his feet. Owing to the clearness of the day, he had a delightful view of the country. The greatest altitude the balloon attained was about two miles. The field in which he alighted adjoined the estate of Mr. Williams, from whom he experienced the greatest kindness and attention.

Balloon Ascent.—Mr. Graham, the aeronaut made an ascent in his beautiful balloon, from the gardens of White Conduit House, Pentonville, on Wednesday. At twenty minutes before six Mr. Graham, with a Capt. Currie, entered the car. The balloon rose above the houses at exactly a quarter before six, and took a north-westerly course, the aeronauts standing erect in the car, waving their flags, and receiving in return the hearty cheerings of those below. The spectacle at this moment was truly magnificent. In about a quarter of an hour from the time of ascending, the balloon suddenly took a direction almost due North, and in about ten minutes more was seen bearing as near as possible E. N. E. in which course it continued perfectly visible to the naked eye for nearly an hour, when it disappeared.—At half-past two o'clock on Thursday morning, Mr. Graham arrived in town, having descended at Mr. Askew's farm, near Waltham Abbey, about half-past seven o'clock. Mr. Graham and Capt. Currie, when they reached terra firma, proceeded to Epping-place to dinner. Mr. Graham states, that after his ascent from the ground, he experienced the most extreme cold; and that at one time this was so intense as almost to deprive him of sensation. The extreme height of the balloon was two miles and a half. Mr. Graham brought his balloon safely with him to his house in Poland-street, and was cordially greeted by his friends who had assembled there to meet him.

AEROSTATION.

Mr. Graham's
Seventeenth Ascent.



MR. GRAHAM,

The Aeronaut, begs leave most respectfully to announce to the Nobility, Gentry, and Public in general, that he intends making his Seventeenth Ascent with the same **MAGNIFICENT**

BALLOON

which has given such general satisfaction in his late Ascents.

FROM THE GARDENS OF
White Conduit House, Pentonville,
On **WEDNESDAY** next, the 11th of **MAY, 1825,**

When he hopes by the most strenuous exertions on his part, to merit that patronage he has so liberally experienced on former occasions.

The Inflation will Commence at Eleven in the Morning, and the Ascent take place from Three to Four in the Afternoon. A Gun will be fired, and a Yellow Pilot Balloon launched to announce the commencement of the Inflation;—a second Gun and a White Pilot will announce the completion of the process; and the Ascent notified by a third Gun, and a Red Pilot Balloon.

A BAND OF MUSIC WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Admission to the Inflation and Ascent 2s. 6d.

It is requested, that Ladies and Gentlemen who purpose attending to witness the Ascent, will arrive early at the Garden, as it will greatly facilitate their admission.

TICKNER, Printer and Engraver, 18, Hollen-street, Wardour-street, Soho.

BALLOON ASCENT, 1825

Yesterday was announced by Mr. Graham, the aeronaut, for making his seventeenth ascent with his balloon. He selected for the occasion a spot which seems to be a favourite one of his to make the ascent from,—namely, the Gardens of White Conduit-house, Pentonville, where he had three times before exhibited, once successfully, and twice the contrary.

The public taste for ballooning, if we may judge by yesterday's exhibition, seems to be very much on the wane: nor is it much to be regretted that it should be so: for, with the exception of the gratification which such sights give to one's curiosity, by exhibiting a man dangling in the air at an immense height, we can perceive little amusement, and much less of utility, in those aerial flights, as usually conducted.

The balloon yesterday was the same with which Mr. Graham has already taken many flights; from which, however, it does not seem to be much the worse for the wear.

The inflating process, as it is called, commenced at 11 o'clock. As the morning lowered very much, and a fall of rain was anticipated, which might not only damp the proceedings, but perhaps stop them altogether, the gas was let into its place of destination very slowly—a bird in the hand being considered worth two in the bush; and as, if the balloon was once filled and no ascent could take place, the gas would have been lost both to the Imperial proprietors of it and to Mr. Graham. About two o'clock the wisdom of the precaution became more evident, for the rain began to come down very heavily, and threatened—not the dispersion of the company; for there was no company to be dispersed, but—the prevention of any from arriving, if there were any so minded. The rain lasted for about half an hour, and did one good for Mr. Graham—it washed his balloon completely, which before seemed of a mud colour, and covered with dust.

At near 3 o'clock, the balloon having been well washed, and the rain having ceased, it began, as it got gradually dry, to show some variety of colours, and the afternoon assuming a more favourable appearance, the inflating business went on more rapidly under the immediate direction of Mr. Graham and a Mr. Adams, who we understand is a partner in the concern.

Occasionally during the day, there were half-a-dozen men employed in blowing into some sort of wind instruments, and thumping a drum most unmercifully; and these people were called the balloon band. There was, however, to be heard now and then, from another part of the gardens, something like an approach to music, from what we learned was a band in attendance upon the firemen of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, who were regaling themselves at this house on this day on the annual dinner given to them by their proprietors.

At four o'clock a few half-crowns, the term of admission, began to make their appearance at the entrance-door, and the owners of them, and a few others with orders, scattered themselves on the grounds; but even up to this time the muster of spectators was very scanty indeed. It now appeared that a new species of enter-

tainment had been provided for the spectators, and a very silly one we deem it, if not indeed mischievous. A small cannon was placed in the midst of the spectators, close to the balloon, and occasionally charged very strongly with powder, by a person who seemed to know nothing about such a process; and this was several times in the course of the afternoon made to explode, certainly to the annoyance of every body, and to the alarm, and possibly serious alarm, of women and children.

Five o'clock showed the afternoon rather favourable to the ascent, and at this hour the gardens appeared the fullest with spectators, and that fulness consisted of about 200, chiefly of the tag-rag and bobtail sort.

After considerable impatience on the part of the few spectators who were present, the balloon was announced as ready for its voyage, at within a quarter to six o'clock; and at that hour the car was attached by the net-work surrounding the balloon and other cords in the usual manner. It was now rumoured that a gentleman had paid a considerable sum to Mr. Graham for permission to accompany him, and that he was to take his flight in the balloon. Nor was the rumour void of foundation, for in a few minutes a young gentleman of a military appearance, dressed in a blue frock coat, &c., and wearing large mustachios, was seen upon the platform, and he was pointed out as the intended companion of Mr. Graham. The ballast, grappelling-iron, &c. being now placed in the car, which was a very plain wicker one, Mr. Graham took his seat in it, and was immediately followed by the gentleman above alluded to, who we understood to be Captain Conroy, of the 3d Dragoon Guards. This gentleman, in taking his seat, which he did with his hat off, evinced no other change of countenance than a little flushing of his cheek. The wind was now rather strong, blowing from the south-east. The signal was given to let go the ropes which held down the balloon, after it had been removed from the platform to the ground; which being done, the machine, made a very sudden bound from the earth in a northerly direction, and came with some violence against one of the trees on that side of the gardens. This accident, although attended with no danger or inconvenience, might have shaken the nerve of a man in his first flight towards the Heavens; but on Captain Conroy it had not the slightest effect; and never did we see a perfect novice in these aspiring voyages exhibit more of real presence of mind—if the countenance be an index of that mind: his coolness seemed perfectly unaffected. Mr. Graham, of course, was quite unmoved.

The balloon, cleared from the trees, now rose very majestically and gradually towards the west directly in the first instance, and then in a direction north-west. The atmosphere was rather gloomy and dense, but still the aeronauts were seen distinctly for a very considerable time, waving their flags. They seemed to pass almost completely over the metropolis from east to west, or nearly so.

The ascent, on the whole, was a very successful one, and attended with less of bungling in the management than generally accompanies such exhibitions. The receipts of the day towards defraying the expenses must have been very trifling; but we understand that Captain Conroy paid 40l. on the ground for the permission to make the ascent.

AERONAUTIC Exhibition,

AT
**WHITE CONDUIT HOUSE,
Tabern,
PENTONVILLE.**

THE
Balloon,
IS
NOW EXHIBITING

AND
Tickets of Admission at 1s. each,

TO BE HAD AT
**No. 348,
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Mr. GRAHAM

Has the honor of informing the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general, that he has just completed a most magnificent BALLOON, far exceeding in Magnitude and splendour any Aerostatic Machine ever exhibited in this Kingdom, with which he intends to ascend from the **GARDEINS** of the

**WHITE CONDUIT HOUSE,
Pentonville,**

On MONDAY, 18th Inst. at 3 o' Clock precisely.

In the Construction of this Splendid BALLOON and its necessary Appendages, neither Labour nor Expence has been spared; and Mr. GRAHAM has the pleasure of informing those who may be disposed to honor the *Exhibition* with their Presence and Support, that, during the whole Progress of the Work, he has been favoured with the Advice and Assistance of

**M^{ESSRS.} Sadlers,
THE AERONAUT'S,**

Who will superintend the Inflation on the Day of Ascent; a circumstance, he trusts, which will remove any Doubt from the Minds of those Friends to whom his own Name is not so familiar.

Some Idea may be formed of the Immense Size of Mr. GRAHAM's BALLOON, from the following Particulars: It is composed of 68 Gores or Stripes, each more than 60 Feet in Length, forming a Sphere of upwards of 40 Feet in Diameter. When fully distended it will contain 33,500 Cubic Feet, or 250,600 Gallons of Gas. In the Construction of this BALLOON, *upwards of One Thousand Yards of Material have been consumed.*

To prevent the unpleasant delay which has been so justly complained of in most Exhibitions of this kind, liberal arrangements have been entered into with the Gas Company, for a plentiful supply of Gas; and to insure the Ascent taking place as nearly as possible to the time fixed upon. The INFLATION WILL COMMENCE EARLY IN THE MORNING.

TICKETS of Admission, 3s. 6d. each, to be had at the WHITE CONDUIT TAVERN, and of

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| Mr. Waud, Confectioner, Bond-street | Mr. Evans, Trimming Seller, Regent-circus |
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| Mr. Barham, Baker, Oxford-market | Mr. Batchelor, Straw Hat Warehouse, Rathbone-pl. |
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| Mr. Metcalfe, Draper, 348, Oxford-street | Mr. Heywood, Watch Maker, Goodge-street |
| Mr. Pemberton, Regent's Wharf, Kingsland-rd. | Mr. Spearing, Cooper, Red Lion-street, Holborn |
| Mr. Jaques, Grocer, Church-street, Woolwich | Mr. Roberts, Jeweller, Western Exchange, Bond-st. |

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Mr. Graham,
THE AERONAUT,
INTENDS MAKING HIS
Twenty-fourth Ascent,
 FROM THE
Bedford Arms Tavern,
Camden Town,
On TUESDAY, June the 14th,
 WHEN HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
TWO YOUNG LADIES.

Admission 2s. 6d.—Children and Schools 1s. 6d. each.

GRAHAM, Printer, Poland Street.

16 June 1825
 Mr. Graham and his two ladies, after a pleasant voyage of nearly an hour, alighted in perfect safety, at Feltham, between three and four miles beyond Hounslow, where they experienced every attention from the country people; and, having partaken of some refreshment, a chaise was procured for them, in which they arrived in town in high spirits about half-past twelve o'clock. They proceeded directly to Mr. G.'s residence, instead of going to Camden-town, as had been expected, and where a great number of persons had assembled anxiously waiting their arrival.

By Permission and under the Patronage of the Right Worshipful the VICE-CHANCELLOR and the Worshipful the MAYOR.



MR. GRAHAM

The Aeronaut,

Begs leave most respectfully to announce to the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public, that he intends making his 28th ASCENT with his

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Balloon

AT CAMBRIDGE,

From a Large and Commodious walled-in Area,

AT MOUNT PLEASANT,

In which Seats have been erected for the Accommodation of Ladies and Gentlemen,

On TUESDAY, July 5, 1825.

Tickets of Admission, price 2s. 6d. to witness the process of Inflation, Attaching the Car, &c. &c. may be had of Mr. HODSON; MESSRS. HATFIELDS; Mr. STEVENSON; Mr. TAYLOR, Sidney Street, and at the Bars of most of the principal Inns.

The Inflation will commence precisely at Eleven o'clock, and the ascent will take place at Five o'clock.

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ASCENT OF MR. GRAHAM'S BALLOON.

The inhabitants of this place (Cambridge) and its neighbourhood were gratified by the ascent of Mr. Graham, with his balloon, on Tuesday evening last. It being fourteen years since Mr. Sadler ascended from Cambridge, the novelty of the spectacle attracted an immense concourse of persons from the towns and villages within a distance of twenty miles. The individuals who paid for admission we should presume were nearly 3,000, whilst the numbers who occupied the Castle-hill and every elevated spot in the vicinity, as well as the streets and roads near the place of ascent, were unprecedented. The only convenient spot which Mr. Graham could engage was a large farm-yard on Mount Pleasant, where the inflation of the balloon commenced at twelve o'clock. Mr. Graham intended to have begun earlier, but the van by which the sulphuric acid was conveyed being overturned about eighteen miles from London, did not arrive till the middle of the day, and several of the vessels containing the vitriol having been broken, a considerable quantity of the acid was lost. The balloon appeared to be rapidly filling for the first two hours; when Mr. G. found it requisite to obtain more oil of vitriol in the town, but was unable to procure so great a quantity as had been lost. At about half-past six the car was attached to the balloon; and the preparations being completed in a short time afterwards, the intrepid aeronaut stepped into the car, but in consequence of a deficiency of gas, he was obliged to leave the grappling irons behind. He then took off his coat, which he also threw over, and bowing to the spectators, who greeted him with reiterated cheers, he directed the cords to be loosened, when the balloon rose steadily, and in the most beautiful style, the evening being remarkably serene. It went up so directly perpendicular, that five minutes after the ascent, he threw out a parcel of newspapers, some of which fell on the platform from whence the balloon was launched. In about six minutes after he dispatched some more papers, which were exactly seven minutes reaching the ground. He threw out a third parcel of newspapers, many of which were picked up at New Town. The balloon took a south-easterly direction, passing directly over Cambridge, and remained in sight fourteen minutes, when it entered a cloud; about ten minutes after, the balloon was again visible, and continued in sight until it descended beyond Gogmagog Hills.

The aeronaut informs us, that after passing through the clouds, the balloon rose rapidly, and required no small degree of skill to manage it, there being so much difference between hydrogen and carbonated hydrogen gases. Although the evening was cloudy, he experienced a great change above the clouds, getting into most delightful weather, the sun shining on the clouds with such splendour as to give them the appearance of rolls of muslin edged with silver, and here and there vapour quivering along at least a mile beneath him. The greatest altitude attained he considers to be at least two miles and three quarters, or three miles, when he commenced descending, and in three minutes he began entering the clouds. Being aware that he had a considerable less quantity of gas than when he ascended, and having no ballast to lighten himself, he formed the balloon into a parachute, for the purpose of ensuring a safe descent, by which means he reached terra firma with the greatest ease imaginable, after being in the air three quarters of an hour, and in two minutes several persons came to his assistance.

Mr. Graham descended in a field near Babraham, belonging to a Mr. Webb, about seven miles and a half from Cambridge; and having procured a post-chaise from Bournbridge, he returned to the Black Bear Inn about ten o'clock at night, where he was welcomed by a great number of individuals. He has now accomplished twenty-eight ascents, without the slightest accident to himself or injury to his balloon. — *Cambridge Chronicle.*

Mrs. GRAHAM.—We are glad to learn that the state of Mrs. Graham's health has so much improved within the last two days that no doubt is now entertained of her ultimate recovery; and if she continues to go on the rest of the week as well as she has done since Tuesday she will be removed to town about Monday next. All the alarming symptoms which for so many days presented themselves have now disappeared, and her convalescence may shortly be expected.

BALLOON ASCENT FROM CHELTENHAM.—Wednesday last Mr. Graham ascended from the Montpelier Gardens at Cheltenham, accompanied by Mr. Carter, of Montpelier Villa. The process of inflation commenced at twelve o'clock, and was completed at half-past four, when the gentlemen stepped into the car. The balloon was loosened from its mooring a little before five, when the vast machine arose majestically, amidst the cheers of the thousands who had assembled in the gardens. It took a steady course to the north-east, and the day being exceedingly favourable it had a magnificent appearance. At a quarter before six it was seen fast approaching the town of Stratford-on-Avon, and soon after the intrepid aeronauts were landed in safety at the village of Clifford, within a mile of Stratford. For some time afterwards the splendid machine was exhibited in an inflated state to the admiration of hundreds of persons who were attracted to the spot.

MR. GRAHAM'S RECENT ASCENT.—On Tuesday afternoon the town of Hinckley, Leicestershire, was the scene of considerable animation, in consequence of it having been announced that Mr. Graham would make an ascent. The whole of the day was extremely boisterous; notwithstanding which, however, some hours before six o'clock, the time appointed for the ascent, several thousands of spectators assembled, amongst whom were the greater proportion of the respectable inhabitants. About four o'clock in the afternoon the town was visited by a tremendous thunder storm, and it was greatly feared that it would prevent the ascent, owing to the great difficulty which attended the inflation of the balloon. The tempestuous weather continuing, the friends of Mr. Graham strongly advised him to postpone his aerial voyage, but he resolutely refused, expressing his determination not to disappoint the public, even if it blew a hurricane, at the same time Mr. G. expressing his full confidence that he could manage the balloon with equal safety in boisterous as in fine weather. At six o'clock, the balloon being sufficiently inflated, Mr. Graham entered the car, amidst the most enthusiastic cheers of those assembled; it was generally supposed that he would be accompanied by some gentleman, but that was not the case, possibly arising from the tempestuous state of the weather. Everything being completed, the cords were loosed and the ponderous machine rose rapidly, at the time blowing and raining hard. Owing to the thickness of the atmosphere, the balloon was soon out of sight. Much astonishment and admiration were manifested by all present at the intrepidity of Mr. Graham in ascending in such weather. During the time the balloon was up it thundered and lightened, and some anxiety was felt by Mr. Graham's friends at the possibility of the balloon being struck by the electric fluid. At ten minutes past seven o'clock the balloon descended safely in a field, about 13 miles distant from the place of ascent, and Mr. Graham arrived at Hinckley with the balloon shortly after nine. Mr. Graham describes his trip as very grand, from the extraordinary appearance of the clouds and the flashes of vivid lightning which were visible considerably beneath him. Whilst up, Mr. Graham was necessitated to bale the water out of the car, owing to the torrents of rain that fell. He describes the cold as very intense when up to the utmost altitude, which was more than three miles.

BALLOONING 8 Sept. 22. 1836

On Friday Mr. Graham ascended in a balloon from Warwick Racecourse, accompanied by a Mr. Steel, and descended in the parish of Fawsley, Northamptonshire, having travelled about twenty-one miles in an hour and ten minutes.—*Leamington Spa Courier.*

BALLOON ASCENT FROM WARWICK.

8 Sept. 1836

Mr. Graham ascended in his balloon from the race course on Friday. Soon after twelve o'clock the inflation commenced at the gas house in the Saltisford, and about three the balloon was conveyed to the course whence it was to ascend. There was a great number of people assembled on the course, in their carriages, and several ladies and gentlemen were on the stand, and a considerable quantity of foot people attended the ascent. At twenty minutes past three o'clock Mr. Graham, accompanied by Mr. T. Steel, of the Butts, Warwick, entered the car, and everything being in a secure state, he made a most beautiful ascent, amidst the applause and cheers of all assembled. Having reached a proper altitude the balloon passed over the Earl of Warwick's pleasure-grounds, and proceeded on, leaving the Castle, Leamington, and Southam to the right. "Here," says our informant, "the people looked like crows, and the sheep like mice." They next crossed over Priors Marston village, and here Mr. Steel expressed a wish to enter a black cloud and lose sight of the earth. Having thrown out a sufficient quantity of ballast, they ascended very quickly, and entered the cloud, but found it so cold that they were soon glad to return. At this time they prepared for a descent, which, with little trouble, they effected in a grass field, called Rough Field, in the parish of Fawsley, Northamptonshire, in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Key, and a short distance from Sir Charles Knightley's Park. They were assisted by those who resided near, and quitted the car in perfect safety in the presence of Lady Knightly, her son, daughter, and nephew. They had now travelled about twenty-one miles in an hour and ten minutes, having alighted at half-past four, and Mr. Graham supposes that the greatest altitude he attained to be about three miles and a half. The parish where they settled is about five miles from Daventry, and having procured a post-chaise and assistance, they immediately set out for Warwick, the inhabitants of which place were extremely anxious as to the result of the ascent. Soon after ten they entered the town in a chaise and four, preceded by a band of music playing "See the conquering Hero comes," amidst the loud acclamations of the multitude assembled at the Warwick Arms to receive them, and the welcome greetings of their friends. This is the 182d ascent made by Mr. Graham.—*Leamington Courier.*

MANCHESTER MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

FIRST DAY—MONDAY. Sept. 12. 1836

The Collegiate Church was prepared for this occasion with good taste. The fronts of the galleries were covered with crimson paper, divided in Gothic panels, to correspond with the architectural style of the church. The seats were covered with crimson cloth, and the temporary supports partook of the warm, red tone of the crimson hangings, while all the ornaments were massive gold to the eye. The galleries could contain each 800 persons, and that of the patrons was eighty-one feet high, gracefully sweeping downward to the orchestra. The whole church was calculated to hold an auditory of 3,000 persons.

The theatre was prepared for the concert by making one grand apartment of the stage, within which the orchestra was placed, the audience part of the theatre remaining unaltered. But for the grand ball, draperies of crimson and white were attached to the roof, and floated away to the walls where they were attached at mid-height, converting the whole theatre into one splendid pavilion, from the centre of which hung the chandelier which was so admired at the Wellington dinner. A temporary saloon or gallery for a refreshment-room, 200 feet long and thirty feet wide, was thrown over Charlotte-street to connect the theatre or pavilion with the assembly rooms, and the whole formed one grand suite of apartments, superbly decorated, and capable of accommodating eight thousand persons.

The people of Lancashire are musical, especially those of Manchester, where many Germans and other foreigners have naturalized a taste for the science; and the enthusiasm and expectation was at its height on Monday, at which time the hotels and lodging houses were crowded, and a spare bed was a rare thing. In the morning the shops were gaily decked with attractive "festival articles," and were thronged with country visitors. At noon the merchants and manufacturers let their servants and work people at liberty, and the poor shared with the rich the enjoyment of the day.

At noon there was an exhibition of fruit and flowers in the Town Hall, the walls of which were painted in gay landscapes, and formed an admirable background to the plants. Tables divided the room into three promenades, two being covered with melting fruit and the rest with flowers. There was a pavilion of stained glass containing the charity-box, which was not unattended to. The prizes were distributed, and the display of the fire-police, of which Manchester is justly proud, attracted the observers to the streets, where the agile firemen went through a mock-battle with the element, and paraded their activity, to the satisfaction of the crowd. We can hardly conceive a more useful display.

At four o'clock Mr. Graham was to have ascended in a balloon from the gardens called Vauxhall, but the weight of a bailiff with his writ, (who seized the balloon as security for some debt, of which, he said, he suspected Mr. Wild, the proprietor,) proved too great for all the gas that could be obtained, and the disappointed crowd dealt rather roughly with Mr. Wild, and Mr. Graham's eloquence was necessary to appease their resentment.

At eight o'clock the ball commenced, and was kept up with great spirit till eleven. The Duke of Brunswick and other foreigners, several noblemen, members of Parliament, and gentry were present. Supper followed; and the dance being renewed at midnight, was continued with unabated spirit till cock-crowing, when the Lancashire witches vanished, with all their spells.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY. Sept. 13. 1836

The first grand performance of sacred music began at eleven o'clock; the galleries, filled with ladies and gentlemen, of whom the former were in number as six to one, spanned the lofty arches and received the light from the windows of stained glass in many gorgeous tints. Sir George Smart's arrangements were made, his rehearsals over, and the performers took their places. The band was led by Mr. F. Cramer, accompanied by Mr. Mori; principal second, Mr. Wagstaff. It numbered in all 160 performers of high talent. The choral singers amounted to 134, and were under the superintendence of Mr. W. Wilkinson and Mr. George Holden of Liverpool. Among the band were about 40 individuals of the Philharmonic Society. The audience were nearly 3,000 in number, the patrons' gallery alone yielding 840.

The theatre in the evening was gaily crowded for the concert, the ladies still predominating in numbers.

In the mean while the out-of-door people were amused with the ascent of the balloon, which rose pleasantly, and hovered over the town as if to make amends for the disappointment of the previous day.

Mr. Graham, after half an hour's trip in the air, descended at Carrington Moss, Cheshire, about eleven miles from Manchester, and returned to town within two hours.

THIRD DAY—WEDNESDAY.

The Collegiate Church was again full without a crowd. Selections from Handel, Mozart, Neukömm, Marcello, and Spohr, were performed.

The concert in the evening attracted crowds to the theatre, which was very gaily and completely thronged.

We regret to learn that in the midst of the entertainments Malibran was taken ill. She sang in the quartett from *Fidelio*, and acquiesced in the *encore* for the duet with Caradori Allan. In this last piece her exertions were prodigious, taking a fearful shake at the top of her voice with her customary daring enthusiasm. The storm of cheering which followed the stupendous essay was still unabated, when the unfortunate idol of an enraptured audience, who but a moment before was lighted up with fire and animation, sank in an exhausted state under the effect of her excitement. Medical aid was resorted to, and she was bled in the green room, and, after the performance was over, was removed in a chair to the Moseley Arms-hotel, where she is staying. Mr. Willert, one of the members of the musical committee, came forward and addressed the company, announcing the indisposition of Malibran, and requesting their indulgence to allow Caradori Allan to take her part in the quintett from *Così fan Tutte*, and to permit De Beriot to play a piece, instead of the duet between him and his wife. The speech of Mr. Willert was well received, but there was a strong expression of sympathy for the unfortunate condition of the prima donna. Towards evening she grew better. Her attack was spasmodic, and doubts of her being able to sing again during the festival threw a damp over the audience.

FOURTH DAY—THURSDAY.

The receipts for the festival by the sale of tickets and books amounted before the festival commenced to 10,592l. 15s. 6d.; and by Wednesday night, 12,500l. had been received.

The church in the morning was again crowded, notwithstanding the unavoidable absence of the chief attraction, Malibran. Madame Caradori Allan, Miss C. Novello, and Mrs. H. R. Bishop, sang her music. The audience applauded the favourite performers as they entered the orchestra: Dragonetti and Lindley were particularly distinguished. The concert in the evening went off extremely well.

Four "gentlemen" from London, visitors to the ball on Monday, were taken up to-day for picking pockets, and remanded till Saturday.

Mr. Graham, accompanied by Mr. T. Street, of Warwick, ascended in his balloon from the Race Course, near that town, on the afternoon of Thursday. The balloon on rising took a south-easterly direction, and remained visible nearly an hour. The descent was about five miles from Daventry, at a quarter past four o'clock, after travelling twenty-six miles in an hour and ten minutes. Mr. Graham and his companion returned to Warwick at ten at night. Sept. 15. 1836

Mr. Graham ascended in his balloon from the Montpelier Gardens, Cheltenham, on Thursday last, accompanied by two gentlemen named Warburton and Forie. Sept. 16. 1836

Mr. Graham made a trip from the Montpelier Gardens, Cheltenham, to Broadway, on Thursday week. A dark cloud enveloped the balloon a few moments after it quitted the earth.

[The gardens are still occasionally opened for the ascent of the balloon; but the entertainments, the fire-works, imitations, and other accustomed displays, ought of themselves to be sufficiently attractive. In fact, they are so much so that the balloon may be said to be seen for nothing, the other entertainments being well worth the price of admission.] Sept. 27. 1836

AEROSTATION.—Mr. Graham gives the following account of the balloon voyage on Tuesday, from Manchester:—"The greatest altitude be attained was from two and a half to three miles, and, after having been in the air upwards of half an hour, he found himself over a place the appearance of which not a little perplexed him. At his extreme altitude it looked like a large wood, but, on descending a little way, he found it to be the appearance of a marsh or bog, and he was in no little perplexity as to effecting a safe descent, as on the one hand was this unknown charybdis, while, on the other, was a scylla in the shape of a piece of water, which proved to be the winding of the Mersey. At length, finding himself midway between these two, with the whole weight of his person, he pulled open the valves as wide as possible, so as to make a rapid and nearly perpendicular descent. He came with perfect safety to the earth, the grappling irons having taken effect within fifty yards of the edge of Carrington Moss, Cheshire, the place the appearance of which had so much perplexed him, and at a short distance from the bank of the river Mersey. Carrington Moss covers a space of about 755 statute acres, and that part of its boundary where Mr. Graham alighted is about eleven miles from Manchester. His descent was accomplished at exactly a quarter past five o'clock, so that he was just three quarters of an hour in the air. The descent having been observed by some persons in the neighbourhood, immediate assistance was afforded to Mr. Graham, amongst others particularly by Robt. Williams, Esq., of Sale Lodge, who succeeded in procuring for him the only suitable vehicle in the neighbourhood, in which Mr. Graham returned to Manchester, accompanied by two gentlemen of Carrington, and bringing with him the balloon, which did not sustain the slightest injury. He arrived at the Vauxhall Gardens at a quarter before ten o'clock the same night. The great delay, and, in fact, the total stoppage, in the process of inflation which took place on Monday, arose in the first place from the gas being conveyed to the balloon through a tube only three inches in diameter; and the descent of the tube to the balloon was another disadvantageous circumstance; but probably the main cause of the disappointment was a fact which was not discovered till the gas pipe was taken up, when it was ascertained that in that part of the tube which was imbedded in the earth there was a large hole through the pipe, apparently corroded, and into which some earth had dropped and almost choked up the pipe." 1836

Mr. Graham made a second ascent from the Montpelier-gardens, at Cheltenham, on Thursday last. After attaining a considerable height, the balloon took a north-easterly direction, and in a few minutes entered a dense cloud, after which it was lost sight of by the multitude. We understand the adventurers made a safe landing in the vicinity of Broadway.—*Gloicester Journal.* Sept. 27. 1836



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VIEW OF THE NEW HUNGERFORD MARKET.

AS IT APPEARED AT THE OPENING ON THE 2nd JULY, 1833.

Providential Escape.—Mr. Graham attempted to ascend in his balloon at Chelmsford, on Thursday se'nnight, but failed from want of gas. On Friday a second attempt was made, accompanied by Captain Gape, but the power was not sufficient to carry up both, and the Captain resolved to go alone; he was, however, with some difficulty persuaded to forego his purpose, which from his inexperience might prove dangerous; and Mr. Graham, determined to gratify the anxiety of the concourse of people assembled, again got into the car, but it still refused to rise. Some of the crowd injudiciously called out "the Captain," whose courage immediately got the better of his prudence, and he rushed into the car, which then rose sideways, brushing the trees in its progress, and he could with difficulty keep his seat. In passing over the House of Correction, the car caught one of the chimneys, which suspended Captain Gape over a chevaux-de-frize, upon which he was momentarily in danger of being precipitated, but he providentially extricated himself and remained at the top of the building. The balloon thence rose, continued in sight about an hour, and suddenly fell at Little Baddow, Essex. The populace were so delighted with the courage, and so happy at the preservation of Captain Gape, that they carried him in triumph round the town. His father resides at Saint Alban's, and we understand the Captain greatly distinguished himself at the memorable battle of Waterloo.

2 Aug. 22. 1825

Perilous descent of Mr. and Mrs. GRAHAM; from the account of SERGEANT WHITE, of the Marine Boat, in his own words.—"About twelve o'clock on Monday last, the 14th of November, having heard that the balloon was to ascend at two, p.m. from the market-place at Stonehouse, and observing, from the way in which the wind blew, that should the ascent take place, the balloon must take a direction seaward, and also observing that no boats were out in the direction in which it was probable the balloon would descend, I was induced to wait on Mr. Graham, and asked him if he had resolved to ascend at the time advertised in the hand-bills, at the same time remarking to him, that I could not observe any boats on the look out; that considerable danger would attend his ascending, as it appeared almost certain the balloon would be driven to sea, but that I would apply to Colonel Vinicombe, the Commanding Officer of the Royal Marines, for permission for the Royal Marine boat, under my command, to be in waiting off the Mew-stone, in which direction I thought it probable the balloon would descend. Mr. Graham immediately expressed himself highly sensible of the kindness of my offer, and replied, that 'he was determined to ascend at the time appointed, let the wind and weather be what it might, for he would not deceive the public;' and earnestly requested me to obtain Colonel Vinicombe's leave, which I did, and immediately proceeded with my boat's crew to the south-west of the Mew-stone, about one mile. About five minutes before three o'clock I observed the balloon approaching in the direction of south; I then immediately made all sail, steering right before the wind (the balloon at that moment altering its direction to the south-east) and ordered each of the crew to man his oar, and give way. I fired several muskets in the air, in order to attract the notice of Mr. Graham; but it was not until after the balloon had passed me that I observed Mr. Graham waving a flag, as a signal for me to follow him; the balloon at this time was drifting rapidly. A few moments afterwards I observed it strike the water, about two miles ahead of me. In the course of about twenty minutes I ran my boat betwixt the car and the balloon, and found Mr. and Mrs. Graham clasped in each other's arms across the car, which had upset, and which, as the balloon rolled in a most tremendous manner, dragged them at intervals completely under water. Mrs. Graham being in a most exhausted state, my orders to my men forward on the larboard side of the bow were to lay hold of her, get her clear of the car, and take her on board as quickly as possible; and which, with the utmost difficulty, they succeeded in doing, the balloon taking such sudden and frequent yaws, and being quite unmanageable. At the moment of taking Mrs. Graham into the boat, the balloon sheered away to port, preventing the possibility of the men retaining their hold of the cords, &c. attached to the car and balloon; the cry became general, that the balloon with the car had broken from them, and that Mr. Graham would be lost; this, although dreadfully exhausted, Mrs. Graham heard; and she exclaimed, in a most frantic manner, 'For God's sake, save—O save my husband.' By standing my mizen-sheet, I shot ahead, and once more regained the car, and with the greatest difficulty succeeded in taking Mr. Graham on board, his thigh being jammed betwixt the hoop and the car. At this time the balloon was dragging the boat with great velocity, and the ropes and netting belonging to it being entangled in the boat, masts, and men, I was apprehensive that the boat would be upset; and Mr. Graham being of opinion, that if we could not succeed in finding that particular rope which opened the safety valve, it would be very dangerous to hold by the car any longer (the bow of the boat being at intervals pressed under water) recommended that we should cut away all. This I ordered to be done, and in a moment the balloon ascended very swiftly, taking with it the car, and on, in the direction of south. The boat's crew voluntarily stripped themselves of their jackets, &c. for the purpose of covering Mr. and Mrs. Graham, as they lay in the after-part of the boat. I then directed the crew to strike the masts, and give way with their oars towards Yealm-point, that being the nearest place which it was possible I could reach. I now observed three vessels bearing down upon me, which proved to be his Majesty's cutter Harpy, her tender, and Mr. Whidbey's yacht. I was hailed by the Harpy, Lieut. Macdonald, who asked me 'if I had saved Mr. and Mrs. Graham, and if I wanted any assistance?' I answered, that 'I had succeeded in saving them, and that I did want assistance, and for that purpose wished to go on board to speak to him.' He immediately hove his vessel round, and I dropped alongside: on arriving on board, I stated to Lieut. Macdonald that I had Mrs. Graham in the stern-sheets of my boat, in a most distressing state, and that my intentions were to have gone into Yealm, but that I apprehended Mrs. Graham could not survive, as it would take at least two hours to pull the boat to that place. He then ordered Mr. and Mrs. Graham to be taken on board the vessel, and placed in bed, wrapped in warm blankets, &c., and ordered my boat to be taken in tow: he immediately made all sail towards Plymouth, where we arrived about six, or half-past six o'clock. I dispatched my boat on shore to the Royal Marine Barracks, to get a suit of Mrs. White's apparel for Mrs. Graham, which was in a short time brought on board. Having landed them at Stonehouse-quay, I procured a chaise, and accompanied them to the Crown Hotel, Devonport. I cannot help remarking on the firmness and fortitude displayed by Mrs. Graham in the very alarming and dangerous situation in which she was placed—a situation in which very few females could have conducted themselves with the steadiness and coolness she did.—Mr. Graham is also eminently entitled to praise, for the manly and courageous manner with which he supported his suffering partner, and for the firm consistency with which he conducted himself throughout the whole of his arduous trial.

"W. WHITE, Colour Sergeant Royal Marines."

Dorset Reporter Nov. 24. 1825

MR.



GRAHAM'S

'Twenty-fifth

Ascent.

In consequence of numerous solicitations,

Mr. GRAHAM,
THE AERONAUT,

Begs leave to announce that he intends making his

Twenty-fifth Ascent,

FROM THE GARDENS OF
WHITE CONDUIT HOUSE,
PENTONVILLE,

On Thursday next, June 23rd, 1826

When he hopes to merit the Patronage of his numerous Friends and the Public at large; and having already taken Eighteen different persons with him on his several Aerial Excursions, without either of them having sustained the slightest injury, he trusts they will have confidence sufficient to see their Friends leave *TERRA FIRMA*, without feeling any sensation of Alarm.

Admission to the Gardens 2s. 6d.—Children & Schools 1s. 6d. each.

A Military Band will be in Attendance.

Graham, Printer, Poland Street.

MRS. GRAHAM, THE AERONAUT.

The following narrative has been sent us by a correspondent:—

June 30. 1826

MRS. GRAHAM'S OWN ACCOUNT.

"In consequence of the heavy thunder-storm, the inflation of the balloon was protracted a considerable length of time, which caused the ascent to take place much later than was originally intended. About six o'clock I was sent for (the arrangements being complete), from a lady's house in Warren-street, where Mr. Graham had previously placed me and Miss Stocks. I accordingly entered the ground and took my seat in the car, where I remained full 20 minutes before we could find Miss Stocks, (who not being aware that every thing was ready, had gone with some friends to take tea); in consequence of this delay after the gas had been turned off, the wind being brisk caused the balloon to oscillate a great deal, and Mr. Graham having before he started on the road to overtake me, left the safety valve at bottom open, in case of much expansion when in the air, that I should have less trouble. The oscillation of the machine caused a great deal of gas to escape, and when, at length, Miss Stocks took her seat, it was found that there was not sufficient ascending power to carry both of us. Mr. Graham accordingly requested her to relinquish her seat, when the spectators pressing round the car, eager to be the last to touch it, caused a still longer delay, and when I really was about to ascend, I was obliged to leave a considerable quantity of ballast behind, and passing just over the tops of the neighbouring houses, should have descended, had I not discharged the remainder of the ballast, by which means I saved myself from an untimely end. The car became entangled with the coping of a house; but by pushing my foot against it, it was disengaged, and I then passed down a street, the car as low as the second floor windows, and the monstrous machine swaying from one side of the way to the other. I now anticipated immediate death, and nothing can exceed the exertions of the people in the street, and at their windows, to arrest its progress; but they failed, and I desired them not to alarm themselves for my safety—that I trusted in Providence that nothing serious would befall me. 'Throw out the ballast, throw out all from the car,' was the general cry of the multitude. I took their advice, and threw out all except the seats, when I began to attain a greater altitude, and passed above Islington church, the steeple of which was thronged with people, who hailed me as I passed, many attempting to shake me by the hand. The balloon floated horizontally about 20 minutes, neither rising nor falling, but going gradually on an equilibrium. I passed over the New-river, on the banks of which were a great number of persons, who huzzed as I passed over their heads. The evening being very clear, I could see St. Paul's and every other church in the metropolis perfectly well; and the scenery before me was beautiful; when I got near Mr. Barr's nursery, a gust of wind passed over the top of the balloon, which caused it to ascend, descend, and in a very short time it touched the earth, it being amongst some beans in a garden. The balloon immediately rebounded, and passed through a tree, and descended in an adjoining field, where, to my delight, the first person that caught hold of the car was my husband. I stepped out directly, and in a few minutes multitudes of persons rushed into the field. I then accompanied a gentleman to the house of Mr. Lawtree, Spring-garden-cottage, Newington-green, where I was treated with the greatest politeness and kindness by Mr. and Mrs. Bawtree and their daughters, also by Mr. Whitwell, of Strahan-place, to whose house I was afterwards invited. During this time Mr. Graham, assisted by Mr. Adams (who had followed the balloon in a gig), were engaged packing up the balloon, when they were surrounded by a set of brick-makers and others, who, instead of rendering them any assistance, took a delight in injuring the property as much as possible; one man, in particular, cutting the balloon with a large knife, but as he is known, Mr. Graham is determined to make an example of him, as a warning to others. The balloon was with difficulty placed on Mr. Adams's gig, but was captured by the mob and almost cut to pieces. This attack was caused because Mr. Graham would not give them more beer, he having already presented them with 16 gallons. At length the machine was recaptured, and placed in the care of the landlord of the Green Man Tavern, where it still remains. About 10 o'clock I returned to White Conduit House perfectly safe and well, with a sincere hope that my next ascent will be still more gratifying to my friends and the public, as they may be assured that ascending with a balloon is more pleasing to me than any other amusement."

We understand that numerous applications have already been made to Mrs. Graham, that she will ascend from the same place again next week.

July 16, 1824
Mr. Graham ascended in his balloon from Vauxhall Gardens, Bath, on Friday. He was accompanied by a Mr. Adams. The balloon remained in sight about forty minutes, and descended at Ramsbury, Wilts, about 46 miles from Bath. They were up one hour and a quarter.

MR. GRAHAM'S ASCENT FROM BATH.

BATH, JULY 19.—Thunder-storms, racing, and ballooning have this week been almost frightening Bath from her propriety. Our races commenced on Wednesday last, but unfortunately a dreadful storm of thunder, lightning, and rain, commenced before them. So early as nine o'clock the rain began to pour, but notwithstanding the good citizens of Bath plodded their weary way to Lansdown, the place where the races are held.—Arrived there, a most extraordinary phenomenon met their sight.—A dense cloud seemed to rise from the earth towards the west, and collecting into a round ball, drove over the plain, scattering the rain with which it was charged in its progress.—The darkness caused by it was so great that the spectators could not see each other two yards apart. Some of course thought that the earth had numbered its days; and it was really amusing to see black legs and amateurs, gentlemen, and apple-women, hastening from the Downs with terror in their looks, and clothes drenched in the rain. The sport was of course rather indifferent—the Somersetshire Stakes of 25 sovereigns each, with 100 sovereigns added, were won by the Honourable Mr. Fellowes's Eclipse.

On the evening of Friday Mr. Graham made his promised ascent with his balloon from the gardens. The evening was beautiful, and the crowds collected on the adjacent hills were immense. The company within the gardens was but small, which is much to be regretted, as Mr. Graham generously ascended for the benefit of the Bath General Hospital.

The ascent was announced to take place at five o'clock; but it was half-past six before it took place. At that time both aeronauts (Mr. Graham, and a Mr. Adams from London) took their seats in the car, and the balloon immediately rose with them, clearing the surrounding trees in gallant style, and soaring aloft in a manner at once stately and majestic. After attaining an immense height, the setting sun threw its golden lustre upon the machine, and made it appear quite transparent. It remained in sight about 40 minutes. At first its direction was north-east, but it afterwards veered round to the east, in which quarter it disappeared.

Mr. Graham has given the following account of the excursion:—

At half-past six we rose with considerable rapidity from the earth, and when we had attained a good elevation the view was magnificent and striking beyond all description. The sun was just setting, and the splendour of its appearance, combined with the harmony of every thing around, strongly tempted me to exclaim with the immortal Milton—

"These are thy glorious works, Parent of good!" One object on the earth attracted our attention soon afterwards. This object presented the appearance of a crawling animal, something like a crab, and afforded considerable merriment both to Mr. Adams and myself. This extraordinary phenomenon I have since ascertained to have been nothing less than a horse with a man on its back! We floated on an equilibrium for some time, and then began to ascend. Our highest altitude was about three miles; but the barometer having received some injury, I cannot, without further examination, determine the exact state of the atmosphere. The gas did not expand a great deal. After remaining in the air almost an hour and a half, we began to think of descending, and I opened the valve for that purpose. As we approached terra firma, however, it appeared very woody, therefore we threw out ballast, (60lbs. of which we took out with us) and continued to float along at a moderate height. After doing so, for twenty minutes, we descended at a quarter before eight between two woods, near Bambury, Berks, 46 miles Bath, in perfect safety. The place of descent was quite private, and consequently we had considerable difficulty in finding our way. Having packed up the machine, and procured a conveyance, we set off and arrived a Sydney Hotel, Bath, at eight o'clock next morning.

MR. GRAHAM'S ELEVENTH ASCENT.

(From the *Townton Courier*, Aug. 25.) 1824

The failure in Mr. Graham's attempt to ascend from this town on the 16th instant, incited him to the most anxious exertions to compensate for the disappointment he had occasioned. Arrangements were accordingly made for his ascension with his balloon yesterday, and a large elevated field, opposite the gas-works in Holway-lane, was selected for the purpose. On this spot the tanks, and other works for generating the hydrogen gas, were erected. Mr. Graham having announced that the field should be thrown open, gratis, to the public, and that he should rely on the voluntary contributions of those assembled, published a particular statement of his expenses, by which it appears that his disbursements amounted to upwards of 300l. The free admission to the field occasioned it to be filled at an early period of the day by a vast multitude of spectators, many of whom had arrived from distant parts of the country. Carriages of every description surrounded the ground, many of them filled with a display of female grace and beauty. Stands were erected for the accommodation of spectators, and booths, in which supplies were served out for refreshing the thirsty pedestrian, appeared in various parts of the ground. A party of cudgel-players from Wedmore displayed their science in an adjoining meadow, on an elevated stage; and various homely amusements enlivened the scene. The day was calm, clear, and of uncommon loveliness—the sun having shone, without intermission, from the earliest dawn; the sky was in consequence delightfully blue and cloudless. At 12 o'clock the process of inflation commenced, and, as the hour advanced at which the ascent was expected, the anxiety of the multitude became painfully intense, from the apprehension that some mischance might again frustrate the attempt. Mr. Graham had, however, very discreetly availed himself of the voluntary services of some highly scientific gentlemen, to whose honourable efforts no inconsiderable praise is due for the admirable arrangement of the process. As we stated last week, this was Mr. Graham's first experiment with pure hydrogen gas, his balloon having on all former occasions been inflated with carburetted hydrogen from the gas works; but as oil-gas is too heavy for the purpose of aerostation, that obtained from the establishment in this town was inapplicable to the purpose. His materials of iron and vitriol were therefore brought from Bristol at a considerable cost, and Mr. Graham is indeed entitled to the greatest credit for having spared neither pains nor expense in redeeming his reputation from the disadvantage occasioned by his recent failure. The process of inflation commenced at 12 o'clock, and the balloon became rapidly distended; so rapidly, indeed, that the net work not having been thrown over in sufficient time, it was near escaping from the grasp of the assistants—the consequence was, that upwards of 5,000 cubic feet of gas escaped through the valve; and soon after four o'clock it was ascertained that no more gas could be generated than was sufficient for the ascent of one person. Mrs. Graham, and one or two other aspirants for the honour of accompanying the aerial voyager, were therefore compelled to forego their intentions. At 20 minutes before five o'clock, Mr. Graham took his station in the car, and the cords having been simultaneously loosened, the balloon majestically rose to the infinite delight of the immense concourse of persons assembled, who hailed the intrepid aeronaut with continued shouts of applause. The balloon took a south-eastern direction, and moved calmly through the air upwards, and the sky being delightfully clear and serene, the spectacle was perhaps as interesting as any of the kind ever witnessed. A few minutes after Mr. Graham ascended he threw out his travelling cap, and soon after a roll of paper, for the purpose of affording increased levity to the balloon. After sailing steadily through the air for about 20 minutes, the balloon, when about a mile in height, was gently impelled in a south-westerly direction, in which it continued until a few minutes past six o'clock, when Mr. Graham prepared for his descent, which was safely effected about 20 minutes after six, in an oat-field occupied by Mr. R. Broomfield, about a quarter of a mile south-east of the village of Upton, Devon, distant from this town about 12 miles. From the clearness of the sky, the balloon was in sight the whole time, from the moment of its ascending to that of its descent below the horizon.

MR. GRAHAM'S BALLOON.

BRIDGEWATER, SEPT. 8.—About five o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 7th, the inhabitants of Bridgewater, in Somersetshire, about 42 miles north-east of Exeter, were surprised by the appearance of Mr. Graham's Balloon, which had ascended from Exeter at four o'clock, and was seen rapidly descending, with two persons in the car, at the apparent distance of about two miles southward of that town. A great number of persons immediately hastened towards the spot, and soon discovered that Mr. Graham, with Mr. Cullum, a young gentleman of Exeter, had safely alighted in a large field belonging to Henry Coles, Esq., of Park, near the village of North Pethererton. The young gentlemen of Mr. Crosswell's school having discovered the balloon, followed its course for some distance, and on its descent, assisted some labourers in securing it, which was easily effected, the weather being fine, with but little wind. The Balloon was taken without injury to Mr. Coles's house, where Mr. Graham and his adventurous young companion received the most polite attentions. Mr. Graham stated, that he had not been more than an hour on his aerial voyage from Exeter, although soon after he ascended he met with a current, which drove the Balloon rapidly towards the English Channel; but upon ascending higher it took a different course towards the north-east. He supposed they must have attained an elevation of nearly three miles, from whence they entertained a distinct and beautiful view of the English and Bristol Channels, with the intervening country, (one of the finest in England), to an immense extent, including the city of Bristol, which was plainly perceptible.—The voyagers were in high spirits, and after partaking of Mr. Coles's hospitality, proceeded about seven o'clock in a post chaise for Exeter, leaving their balloon under Mr. Coles's care.

Mr. Graham, accompanied by a gentleman named Hobro, ascended in his balloon on Monday, at Worcester. The aeronauts had not proceeded far before they came down again: but by taking off their coats and hats, and putting every thing out of the car except the grappling irons, they re-ascended; a current of air then carried them against a house, and several bricks fell into the car, which they carefully discharged, and leaving the grappling irons in the gutter, once more ascended gradually. After having reached an altitude of two miles and a half, they began to descend, and alighted safely in a field about five miles from Evesham. Sep 18 24

After two successive days of disappointment, Mr. Graham ascended in his balloon from the new cricket-ground at Brighton, on Wednesday, at three o'clock. Before the ascent, it was submitted to the company whether a lengthened voyage or a descent, within sight of Brighton, would be preferred, when the general opinion appeared much in favour of the latter arrangement. The day was favourable and the ascent magnificent, but the breeze was so light that the balloon was propelled at a rate not exceeding that of the horsemen who followed its course over the Downs. Mr. Graham descended not far distant from Lord Chichester's lodges on the Lewes road, a distance of three miles, in perfect safety, within sight of the heights near the cricket-ground. He was accompanied by a Mr. Slee, and remained in the air about half an hour. Oct 10 24

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.] MR. GRAHAM'S BALLOON.

Brighton, Friday, Oct. 8, 1824.

MR. EDITOR.—That justly-celebrated aeronaut, Mr. Graham, arrived here the early part of the last week, and announced his intention of making another aerial ascent. Public advertisements to this effect appeared in all the Papers, and placards were posted up in every direction, and as generally circulated through all the towns and villages adjacent; and Tuesday, the 5th, at 2 o'clock, (wind and weather permitting,) was the time he proposed for this magnificent spectacle. The spot selected for the exhibition and the ascent, was Ireland's Pleasure Grounds, which are patronized by his Majesty, and numerous nobility. Workmen were actively employed in the erection of a platform, and laying down pipes from the Hanover Arms Inn, for the purpose of inflation. A very considerable space of the lawn was enclosed by poles and tarpauling, immediately in front of the Banqueting-room, from the windows of which many hundreds of persons were accommodated with an uninterrupted view of the whole of the proceedings below. Mr. Graham's arrival with his splendid balloon and car, was no sooner announced than numbers of persons repaired to the Gardens to inspect it, and the various interesting apparatus connected with this truly beautiful aerial machine; and the general interest it excited to the moment of its ascent, can be fairly judged, from the eagerness of all classes to get a sight, prior to its departure to higher regions;

"Where gods on thrones celestial seated,
"By Jove with bowls of nectar treated."

The balloon is composed of 1117 yards of silk in alternate stripes of white and crimson; it is the largest silk balloon that ever ascended, and was manufactured by Mr. Graham, Artillery-lane, Spitalfields. There are 76 gores, and it is encircled in the centre by a zone of green silk of 40 yards. It is capable of holding 50,000 cubic feet of hydrogen. Its transverse diameter is 37 feet 6 inches, and longitudinal is fifty-nine. The cost of the balloon alone, independent of the car, &c. was £765. Mr. G. has made 9 ascents in it, the one prior to his last here, was at Worcester. The extraordinary beauty of the car attracted more than ordinary attention; and being suspended from the ceiling of the Banqueting-room, three or four feet from the floor, it could be viewed more minutely, and with considerable effect. It is of an elliptical form, of about 6 feet in length, and little less than half in width. The design of the whole is very handsome, and its beautiful decorations are so suitably conceived, that it cannot have been a work of any common genius. The signs of the zodiac are painted around the canopy, and crimson festooned curtains, trimmed with gold lace, and long bullion tassels, are below. In the lower part of the car are two cane seats of open work; and side-pockets are formed in the interior lining for provisions, and instruments for scientific purposes; the whole is attached to the canopy by gilt columns, which are perforated for ropes to pass through. The inside is covered with purple velvet, and the exterior is decorated with allegorical devices from the heathen mythology; and the aeronaut is represented as soaring in his balloon over their godships' heads. At each end is a female gilt figure, one holding a wreath, and the other blowing a trumpet.

The immense quantity of rain that fell during the night previous, and up to one o'clock on Tuesday, rendered the day exceedingly unfavourable, not only for aerostation, but for those to whom such a sight is ever interesting. The Royal Gardens appear to me to have been most admirably adapted for the occasion, from their being so peculiarly situated in a valley, on the Lewes road, surrounded by hills that resemble cones, and which rise to a very considerable elevation.

Though all the preparations and arrangements for ascending on the Tuesday, as advertised, were made, yet the weather would not permit an ascension until Friday. Both on Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Graham shewed a readiness to venture into the air in spite of wind and weather; but the assembled multitudes would not permit him.

On Thursday morning the weather appeared to be more unsettled than before, and as early as ten o'clock a Mr. Bealby, a friend of the aeronaut, accompanied by the proprietor of the Gardens (Mr. Ireland) gave public notice that it would be impossible to gratify public expectation at so unfavourable a period of wind and rain. These gentlemen had previously consulted the Magistrates, and the principal inhabitants and visitors, who fully concurred in the course they had adopted.

Friday.—This day, from the early part of the morning, was remarkably fine for the ascent, and, therefore, public curiosity was more excited than on the former days, judging from those within the inclosure—the number of vehicles of every denomination that lined all the public roads, in near connection with the Gardens, which were filled with beautiful and elegantly dressed females—together with the solid masses of spectators who had occupied the more elevated grounds: the sight was at once unique and splendidly magnificent.

Mrs. Fitzherbert was in a part of the Banqueting Room fitted up expressly for her accommodation, and among the company I observed persons of the first rank; to whom Mr. Graham humbly begs to acknowledge his deep sense of gratitude for their distinguished patronage and support.

Precisely at twenty minutes past three o'clock, the aeronaut entered the car, accompanied by Mr. Ireland, who (upon the machine being raised) was much disappointed in finding his weight too great, although three bags of ballast had been thrown out to accommodate him. A Mr. Foard then stepped into the car, who shared the same misfortune from a like cause. The next gentleman for aerostatic fame, was Mr. Slee, jun. wine-merchant, Brighton, who was pronounced by Mr. Graham to be no impediment to the buoyancy of the balloon. Those around, who held the car, were signalled by Mr. G. to loose their hold; when thus deprived of all earthly bonds, she rose in the most steady and majestic manner possible to be conceived, amid the acclamations of upwards of 30,000 spectators. The band at the same interesting moment struck up the national air of "God save the King." The aeronaut had conceived a plan for staying the balloon, when it soared about seventy feet in height, in order to afford the surrounding thousands an opportunity of viewing it for the space of 10 minutes. A friend of Mr. G. was desired to carry the grapple iron, which was affixed to a patent cord, of about 70 feet in length, on the other side of the tarpauling enclosure (this was previous to the ascension,) and such was the degree of nicety of its ascending power, that Mr. G.'s friend had the complete command of the aerial voyagers, who were drawn in direct opposition to the current over a considerable portion of the lawn, without the enclosure, to the astonishment and delight of all who beheld so extraordinary and so interesting a feat—unique in the extreme in the annals of aerostation. Mr. Graham dropt a piece of white tissue paper as a signal to his friend to cease his hold of the grapple, for soaring to higher regions. Mr. G. and his companion (the latter, it is but justice to say, appeared calm and collected) waved their hats high in the air, and bade adieu, for a short time, to their friends below. A more beautiful, or a more magnificent ascent, was never, perhaps, seen in this or any other country. Its course, upon rising to about a quarter of a mile in altitude, was N.E. but getting into a lighter current, it took an eastern direction, which it continued to do, until it was hovering about a mile and a half high over the neighbourhood of Bevendean, when Mr. G. finding the balloon was going fast to the coast, very wisely let out a portion of the gas, and descended into an opposite current, which carried them more inland over the village of Falmer, near which they descended precisely at three minutes after four, amid hundreds of pedestrians and horsemen, who had followed them, not only from the place of ascent, but from all parts adjacent.

The Account of the Aeronaut and the Gentleman who accompanied him.—After they had soared in the air about half a mile in height, the balloon was then sailing in a north-easterly direction. The car was then lightened of about four pounds of ballast; it immediately ascended to about three quarters of a mile, from which time till they arrived at the height of one mile and a half, they pursued an eastern direction, hovering over the villages of Bevendean and Ovendean, a distance of about four miles. Finding that the current was fast carrying the balloon to sea, the aeronaut let out a sufficient quantity of gas for a gradual descent, to get into a lower current, which carried them in the direction of Falmer, over which they remained almost stationary for fifteen minutes. At this particular crisis the aeronaut and his companion observed a great number of horsemen, and groups of pedestrians, hastening to a small coppice near Falmer, who very wisely dispersed themselves into two bodies, to render the voyagers assistance in their descent. The grapple iron was cast from the car, which was caught by one of the equestrians, and was immediately secured by the surrounding groups. The aeronauts alighted, the gas suffered to escape, the balloon and apparatus taken into safe custody by Mr. Graham, who, with his friend, was invited by Mr. Woodman, of Mud-house Farm, near Falmer, to partake of some refreshment, until a vehicle could be provided for their return. At five minutes before six o'clock they returned to the Hanover Arms, at the Royal Gardens, amid the acclamations of thousands. The band received them with "See the Conquering Hero comes," and closed with the national air of "God save the King." Mr. Graham has desired me to add, that he was never more liberally dealt with, nor was he ever supplied with gas before that possessed the qualities of performing what the Brighton gas has actually performed; which, in the aeronaut's opinion, is the purest gas for illumination he ever witnessed. To the surprise of Mr. G. he was actually supplied by a three-inch main, in a low situation, to the surprising distance of two miles, and to the astonishment of the inhabitants of Brighton. The balloon was suspended four days and four nights, undergoing thirty-seven showers of rain, accompanied by heavy squalls of wind from the sea, which carried the tarpaulin inclosure, several hundred yards in length, to a considerable distance. Mr. G. cannot conclude the above statement, without expressing his deep sense of gratitude to the Gas Company, as a body, and to Mr. Adams, their engineer, whose exertions and ability deserve the highest commendation.

The great and unremitting exertion which was made by Mr. G. to insure the favour of the public, has been crowned with unprecedented success, and it is not saying too much, to assure the public that his gratitude is commensurate with their liberal patronage.

I am authorized to state from Mr. Graham, that it is with deep regret he read, in common with others, of the melancholy accident that befel Mr. Sadler, jun. in his late ascent from Bolton, and whom Mr. Graham acknowledges to have possessed intrepidity and intelligence unequalled in the annals of aerostation.

I am also empowered to say, that Mr. Graham will, with the greatest pleasure, in consideration of Mrs. Sadler's heart-rending loss, make an ascent from Oxford, for the exclusive benefit of the widow and orphan, provided it meets the approbation of this worthy and ill-fated young aeronaut's relatives.

Mr. Graham will ascend the week after next, at Canterbury, if the weather should be any way favourable for such a voyage.

Yours, &c. B.



By Permission of the Authorities OF PERTH;

And under the Auspices of a Numerous and Respectable Committee of Gentlemen of the City.

MR. GREEN, THE AERONAUT,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Inhabitants of PERTH, and its Vicinity, that he intends, on

FRIDAY FIRST, the 17th inst.

Weather permitting, to make an Ascent with his

Magnificent Balloon FROM THE BARRACK YARD, PERTH,

Permission having been kindly granted for that purpose.

Tickets of Admission to witness this stupendous aerostatic machine, to be had at the Post-Office—at the Principal Inns—of the Gentlemen comprising the Committee—and of Mr. GREEN, Mrs. Leuchars' Lodgings, Atholl Street.—Persons not providing themselves with Tickets will be admitted to the Barrack Yard on payment of ONE SHILLING each.

Should the weather prove favourable, Mr. G. purposes conveying persons to a given height during the confinement of the machine by ropes.

*** *The Ascent will be notified by the Launching of a Pilot Balloon.*

The following is extracted from the Chelmsford Newspaper of the 17th May, 1831, as being the account given by two Ladies who accompanied the Aeronaut in an excursion from that town:—

“On first leaving the place of ascent, several towns and villages were immediately presented to our view; and after having been in the air a few minutes, and Mr. Green having disencumbered the car of the grappling iron, we had to contemplate one of the most imposing views imagination can picture. The Maldon River, with all its beautiful windings, appeared like a rivulet of silver, while the ocean, illumined and gilded by the rays of the setting sun, looked like an immense sheet of polished metal. Half-an-hour had now elapsed, and a height reached, according to Mr. G.'s calculation, of rather more than a mile, without experiencing the least inconvenience: the excursion, in fact, was a series of pleasurable sensations without a moment's pause; and, so perfectly unconscious were we of any motion, that we were only aware of our descent by the earth's appearing to rise to meet us. After remaining suspended for nearly three-quarters of an hour, Mr. G. allowed a small portion of the gas to escape. We were much surprised at the effect it had on the balloon, which at this moment appeared to us like a body of burnished gold; and, notwithstanding our great height, we felt so extremely warm, that we could have thrown off our shawls and bonnets. We stood up in the car to survey the surprising scene: a small cloud in the direction of Colchester and Harwich hid those places from view, and the smoke of London rendered that city invisible; but we saw the river Thames, the Kent Hills, and a wide extent of country in that direction, and almost all around us. When nearly over Baddow, Mr. G. directed our attention to some ponds of water, which had not the least resemblance to what they were, but looked like patches of silver in the green and brown earth. The foliage of the trees exhibited a great variety of colour, from the freshest green to deep yellow and red. One patch of trees on Danbury Park looked singularly beautiful; and some clusters that we saw resembled sea-weed of a crimson tint.

“On crossing a pasture field, we were diverted by the appearance of a flock of sheep, whose forms to us were entirely lost, and presented no other appearance than of so many eggs on a smooth turf: horses, coaches, carts, and men, which sometimes seemed in motion, bearing a proportion according to the distance from which we viewed them.

“The hedges everywhere could be distinctly seen; and the whole circumference looked like a garden on a great scale.

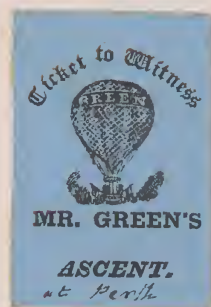
“On nearing the earth, Mr. G. called to several persons who were beneath us, when two gentlemen on horseback leaped over the hedge and came to our assistance. We reached the ground without the least peril, and were welcomed to the house of Mr. James Bell, of Baddow; after partaking of that gentleman's hospitality, we returned to Chelmsford with our friends, who had overtaken us with a conveyance to carry us home. We shall long remember this journey through the air with delight; and we feel particularly grateful to Mr. Green for his kindness, in permitting us to ascend with him, and for his polite attention.

May 14, 1831.

**It is Mr. G.'s intention to visit the Theatre in the Evening,
on his return to Perth, after the Descent.**

PERTH: PRINTED AT THE POST-OFFICE.

MR. GREEN'S BALLOON.—Mr. Green ascended from Dumfries on Friday last (the first event of the kind in that town), and the *Dumfries Courier* says:—“The highest altitude to which the aeronaut attained was, as near as he could calculate, three-fourths of a mile, and though his flight scarcely lasted 15 minutes, he cleared in that time, counting not ascents, but as human beings travel, a distance of five and a half miles. The moment he appeared to be nearing the Craigs' heights, a simultaneous rush took place from the spot whence he ascended; various streets were emptied of their population, and the rush which ensued resembled, to some extent, the letting out of waters, from the anxiety that existed to reach a higher point of elevation. But in this many were disappointed, and it was only such as previously stood on heights that witnessed equally the ascent and descent. At the hour of ascent a shower fell, and a smarter one after Mr. Green had crossed the Craigs, which of course condensed the gas, and brought him to the ground sooner than he had anticipated only a few minutes before, when he threw our ballast, and got up into an upper current, which changed almost entirely the course of the balloon, impelling it right in the direction of the sea. Mr. Green himself would have had no objections to cross the Solway, and revisit his good friends in Whitehaven; but as he knew a post chaise had been, or would be dispatched in quest of him, he felt averse, independently of other considerations, to disappoint friends somewhat nearer home. The first descent was natural and easy, and occurred at a spot called the Isle of Man Moss. The grappling iron took a firm hold of the earth, and would have enabled the voyager, with a little assistance, to finish his cruise with comparative ease; but very unfortunately a line broke, which Mr. Green uses for the purpose of shaping the balloon like a parachute when the gas becomes suddenly condensed, and thus checking the velocity of the descent. Failing in his aim, the machine presented a concavity which enabled the wind to act on it with great force; and in this manner the car was dragged along—now up, and then down—and rebounding over mossy brows, after a manner very fearful to witness. The first persons that reached the spot seemed afraid to act, probably from the dangling of the grappling iron and car, and it was not till Mr. Green had repeatedly informed them that his life was at stake, that they enlisted their “threws and sinews” in the service of humanity. The first force applied was insufficient, and one man who by clinging to the car, was lifted at least twenty feet high, was so much astonished at his novel position, that from the moment his feet retouched the sod he declined to re-engage “in such a little trade.” But as the crowd swelled, a relay of hands was easily procured, and in the end the mighty mass of silk was arrested, and Mr. Green rescued from his perilous berth—bruised considerably, but still able to walk without assistance, and superintend the mooring of his air-ship, its cock boat, the car, and grapple, an anchor in every sense of the word. The spot where all this occurred, and which bears no particular name, is within fifty yards of the Loch, on the Craigs side, and very near a crazy wooden bridge leading to the Racks hamlet or village, and a moss farm named the ‘Auld Mill.’ Thither Mr. Green proceeded, accompanied by a great crowd, and was received in the kindest manner. Mr. A. Fraser and a friend followed Mr. Green on horseback, and though their progress was impeded by the badness of the road, they were the first to greet him from the town of Dumfries. A post-chaise started shortly after, in which were Messrs. Rankine, Gregan, M'Diarmid, and Mr. Green's brother, as also a trumpeter, to announce by his instrument that help was at hand. The vehicle was directed to proceed by the Isle of Man Moss, where, perhaps, chaise never penetrated before; but its progress was speedily stopped; Mr. Rankine leaped out, followed by Mr. Gregan, and was the first friend on foot who shook hands with the aeronaut. The scamper across the moss, which was most amusing, embraced a distance of two miles; and we can ourselves attest that the road is as rascally a one as ever we travelled. But a steep brae is nothing to a stout heart—and just as little a succession of bogs, brows, and ditches; and when the chaise had been ordered round to the Auld Mill, the balloon packed in a cart, and the gratifying fact ascertained that the aeronaut had sustained no serious injury, the party repaired to the farmer's spence.” *Courier, Sept. 21. 1832.*



BALLOON STATISTICS.—Few people are aware of the expense of a balloon, or the tear and wear to which it is incident. The air-ship which Mr. Green launched in Dumfries is 48 feet from top to bottom, and 108 feet in circumference. When the car is attached the height is exactly 60 feet. To fill it to the bent would require 25,000 feet of gas. This, however, is rarely done, as the gas expands greatly when the air becomes rarefied, converting every thing like slackness to a degree of tension that might lead to very dangerous results in the absence of a pilot to regulate the valve. When Mr. Green landed in the neighbourhood of Whitehaven, the lower part of the balloon had become so much collapsed that his companions thought it impossible he could re-ascend, and were only disabused of their error when he weighed anchor a second time, and “screwed the high heavens till lost in the blue.” The material of the machine is composed of double sarsenet, which, even in the raw state, costs 274. To fashion it properly requires great dexterity and art, and is withal so tedious an operation, that Mr. Green's present air-ship was more than five months on the stocks, with the carpenters working at it the whole time. But the silk must be varnished as well as sewed; the netting, which weighs about 3 cwt., is composed of the finest Italian hemp; and, altogether, the cost of an air-ship, such as we saw here, is above 5000. sterling. A balloon, without netting, would be like a ship without a rudder, cordage, and masts. By pressing on all sides equally the netting imparts to it considerable strength, and it is by the same means that the valve ropes are worked, the car attached, and the machine kept down during the process of inflation. What is called tear and wear is constantly going forward, and every balloon that has seen much service, is as much patched as a heggar's doublet. Out of 110 ascents Mr. Green has made 65 in his present yacht, which is oftener, we suspect, than the best British bottom ever crossed the Atlantic. The time a balloon will last is not very well ascertained, as much depends on the purity of the gas, preservation from damp, and indeed the chapter of accidents generally; but if the owner has been at all active, it becomes at the end of five or seven years as crazy as a kirk condemned by a Presbytery, or a frigate stricken with dry-rot, like Don Miguel's double deckers in the Tagus. On one occasion the gas furnished was so impure, that it required from three to four hundred yards of silk to repair the damage occasioned by singeing. It was stated last week that a heavy shower fell while Mr. Green was in the air; the spectators one and all noticed the circumstance, and one individual who pitied the aeronaut, was answered by a wag—“Him wet! how can he be wet with such a splendid umbrella over his head.” This, however, is a mistake; the rain follows the form of the balloon, soaks the netting, and gushes into the car, exactly like water from the house-tops. Repeatedly Mr. Green has been wet and dry again in the course of ten minutes, owing to sudden changes of atmosphere, and not unfrequently has been compelled to cut holes in the bottom of the car, to allow an element a free passage that hampered him more than all the ballast he originally carried. It is a mistake to suppose that the clouds contain moisture in a state of rain, and we have Mr. Green's authority for stating, that the noise produced by rain leaving a cloud, resembles the buzzing of an immense swarm of flies and bees. This is the first part of the process of aerial distillation, and on nearing the earth, when the finer particles mix and form globules, the sound emitted resembles a shower of peas, or small stones suddenly rattled on the extensive surface of the balloon. A very beautiful phenomenon is sometimes witnessed at altitudes varying from one to two miles, viz., a fac simile of the balloon beautifully limned on the upper surface of a cloud, and invariably encircled by three irises, exhibiting all the colours of the rainbow. During his aerial excursions, Mr. Green has been accompanied by eighty persons, and has had repeatedly, to use his own words, “two ladies up at a time.” Whether maidens naturally lovely are rendered more angelic by soaring like the eagle in his loftiest flights, may admit of much doubt; but thus much is certain, that every lady who has courage to step into a gas-drawn chariot, gets married immediately! The greatest altitude Mr. Green ever attained was three miles 200 yards, as ascertained by a very excellent barometer. His longest flight was fifty-eight miles, performed in two hours and three quarters. In 1827 he rose from Preston, in Lancashire, and descended at Preston, in Yorkshire; and the distance, thirty-seven posting miles, was executed in twenty-seven minutes—being nearly at the rate of 100 miles per hour. —*Dumfries Courier, Sept. 28. 1832.*

Coronation Balloon!!!

UNDER THE
Patronage
OF THE
RIGHT WORSHIP-
FUL THE
MAYOR,



AND A
Committee
OF
Gentlemen.

MR GREEN,

*Who had the Honor to Ascend at His Majesty's Coronation, by
Order of Government,*

Respectfully announces to the Nobility, Gentry, and other Inhabitants
of Newcastle and its Vicinity, that he purposes,

On Wednesday next,

At 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon,

MAKING HIS

29th Ascent,

From that well known commodious Situation, the

NUNS' FIELD,

Belonging to Major Anderson,

That Gentleman having most kindly given Permission.

A Committee of Gentlemen will be formed, for superintending the
Arrangements, and attending to the Comfort and Convenience of those
Persons who may honor Mr G. with their Attendance.

Order of Signals.—A Gun will be fired to announce the Commence-
ment of the Inflation: a second Gun will be fired, and a Pilot Balloon
launched when the Process is completed; and the Ascent will be notified
by a third Gun, and a second Pilot Balloon.

To afford the Public as ample an Opportunity as possible for inspect-
ing the Balloon, the Doors will be opened at 11 o'Clock.

The Entrance to the Field will be through Nuns' Gate, New-
gate Street.—Tickets of Admission to Witness the Process of Inflation,
attaching the Car, and launching the Balloon, 2s. each, may be had of
Mr Tadman, Perfumer, Mosley Street; Mr Edgar, Printer, New Circu-
lating Library, Pilgrim Street; and at the Newspaper Offices.

For the Accommodation of select Visitors, more particularly Ladies,
an Enclosure near the Balloon will be fitted up, with Seats and other
Conveniencies—Bands of Music will also be stationed in the Enclosure—
Admittance to which, One Shilling extra.

††† The Balloon, Car, and Appendages, are now exhibiting at the
Turk's Head Long Room, Bigg-Market, Newcastle, where it will remain
till the Day of Ascent.

Mr G. begs leave to state, that the Turk's Head Long Room, (which
commands an eligible View of the Ascent) will be open for the Reception
of select Visitors—admission to which, Three Shillings.

EDGAR, PRINTER, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE.



THE BALLOON.

*Under the Patronage of the Worshipful the Mayor of Stamford,
and following Gentlemen, as a Committee :*

Mr. NEWCOMB, Mr. HUNT, Mr. NICKOLLS.
Mr. THOS. MILLS, Mr. TURNILL,

Mr. GREEN

Begs to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and Public, who wish to be present during the ASCENT of the BALLOON to-morrow, that Waggon and secure Seats will be provided within the spacious YARD of the GAS COMPANY'S STATION, and that the best Preparations will be made to insure commodious and convenient Situations to witness the Process of Inflation.

The Filling of the Balloon will commence at TWELVE, and the Ascent will take Place at THREE o'Clock.

The ROYAL SOUTH LINCOLN BAND, by the Permission of Captain Smith, will attend on the Occasion.

Mr. G. requests that those Ladies and Gentlemen who intend to honor him with their Company will provide themselves with Tickets, to prevent Delay at the Doors.

STAMFORD, 1st July, 1825.

NEWCOMB AND SON, PRINTERS.

BALLOON ASCENTS.

April 4, 1825. Mr. Charles Green, accompanied by his brother, made his 28th ascent Monday last from the Eagle Tavern, City-road, amid the cheers of an immense crowd of persons. A finer ascent never took place, and so steady was the progress of the balloon, that it remained in sight more than an hour. Miss Stocks, who fell with Mr. Harris at Croydon, was among the crowd, and excited very general notice. —The following is the account given by Messrs. Green, of their voyage:—

"At half-past five o'clock the balloon left the earth, amid the cheers of thousands of spectators—and as we passed over the metropolis, we heard the shouts of the inhabitants in the different streets. To give the public a more distinct view of the machine, as it moved with grandeur and sublimity through the atmosphere, we determined not to attain too great an altitude. Our course was west by south south west, and on crossing the River Thames, we passed directly between Waterloo and Blackfriars' bridges. The River Thames, with its serpentine form, appeared to the naked eye not larger than a *boa constrictor*. When we were at our greatest altitude, St. Paul's did not appear to be larger than a dog-kennel, and the Monument not bigger than a walking-stick! When at a distance of about 4000 feet from the earth we liberated a pigeon. It has been stated, that it consequence of the extreme rarity of the air at such an elevation, a pigeon cannot use its wings; but we found, the moment the pigeon left the car, it flew with ease and rapidly in a zigzag direction towards the earth, till we lost sight of it. The thermometer varied from 69 to 75; the barometer, on leaving the earth, stood at thirty inches two-tenths, and when at our highest elevation it stood at twenty-one five tenths, giving an altitude of about a mile and three-quarters. We passed through slight currents of air, and at times the earth was completely obscured from our view by detached bodies of vapour.—We did not pass through a single cloud, and our voyage was very pleasant. Having been in the atmosphere about an hour and three-quarters, we determined on making our descent, the country appearing open and convenient for the purpose. The first sound we heard on descending was the barking of a dog; the barometer then stood at twenty-six inches, which shewed that we were about three-quarters of a mile from the surface of the earth. Having reached the earth without any concussion, and finding the spot on which we landed was a ploughed field, and unfavourable for emptying and packing up the machine, we agreed that one of us (Mr. Geo. Green) should alight; he did so, and Mr. Charles Green re-ascended, and proceeded onwards to a grass field about a quarter of a mile distant, on the estate of Lady Glynn, in the parish of Ewell, a distance of nearly two miles from Epsom, where a safe descent was effected, with the assistance of a number of country people. Having packed up the balloon, we started in a chaise and four to London, and arrived at the Eagle Tavern about 11 o'clock the same night. To the directors and engineers of the Independent Gas Company, we feel ourselves particularly obliged, for their activity and good management.

"Goswell-street,
Monday night, 12 o'clock, April 4."
A vast crowd of persons had assembled at the Eagle Tavern when the Messrs. Green arrived, and great pleasure was expressed at their having made so fine an ascension, and at their descent and return.

On Easter-Monday Mr. Green, the aeronaut, accompanied by his brother, ascended in a balloon from the Eagle-tavern, City-road, and after being in the air about two hours, descended in safety two miles from Epsom. Mr. Graham made a similar ascent from Kew-bridge, and also descended without sustaining any injury.—A general public cemetery

May 12, 1825. Mr. Green, the celebrated aeronaut, made his 29th ascent on Wednesday se'nnight, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, accompanied by his brother. The ascent was rapid, and almost perpendicular, and in two minutes the balloon became invisible. It soon afterwards reappeared, and seemed to be descending rapidly, when a quantity of sand was observed to be thrown from the car, which enabled the balloon once more to ascend, and it again soon lost sight of. After remaining 35 minutes in the air, it descended in safety in a corn-field near H. Bell's, Esq. at Newbiggen, about three miles from Newcastle.

On Saturday evening last Mr. Green made a fine ascent from the city of Worcester. The course of the aeronaut was nearly direct from Worcester to Gloucester, passing over the country a little to the eastward of Tewkesbury, at which town it was distinctly visible, as it was also at Cheltenham. The descent took place with the utmost safety, at five minutes past six, at Beauchamp, about three miles from Gloucester, on the Ross road. Mr. G. calculates that he attained the height of at least two miles, and had in his view at the same time, the cities of Gloucester, Worcester, and Hereford, the towns of Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Upton, &c. and the entire command of the British Channel; which glorious prospect was only occasionally interrupted by the intervention of floating clouds. Aug. 23, 1825

York, Sept. 19.—The ascent of Mr. Green, the aeronaut, in his balloon, at a quarter past four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, concluded the public entertainments of the week at York. It took place from the Gas Works, which are situated on the Scarborough-road, a little beyond the city gate, called Monk-bar. The ascent was exceedingly beautiful and interesting, the balloon, with majestic grace, floating through the air, Mr. Green occasionally waving a flag towards the upward-gazing multitude, who cheered him on his mission to the clouds. No tidings have yet arrived of his descent. 1825

MR. GREEN'S LATE DESCENT IN SCOTLAND.—The good people of Wamphray were much puzzled as to the real nature and character of the visitant who had thus come, as it were, to take their sequestered parish by storm. Though they were all aware of the existence of balloons, few of them knew what a balloon was like, and we need not wonder if they felt as much surprise as the South Sea Indians did on seeing a stately bark bearing down with every sail set on their own remote isles of the ocean. The Esquimaux mistook a whaler for a great sea serpent—the Otahitians, when they saw a sailor mounted on horseback, devoutly believed that he was part and parcel of the same animal; and the children in particular, residing in Wamphray, were equally at a loss to know what to make of Mr. Green's balloon. A knot of urehins, who first beheld it, ran, calling out, "Mither, Mither, oh, Mither! there's a great muckle thing fa' in fine the sky; it's no angel, but it's a glitterin'" (the sun was then shining on the air-ship.) A boy, who had been herding the wine belonging to Mr. Carruthers, of Hillhouse, came running home, might and main, and seemed so terribly agitated that his friends actually thought he had gone mad. Some minutes elapsed before he was able to speak, and then he gravely informed the bystanders that "a great muckle dragon had come over the hill, and lighted near the back of the stack-yard; that it wad tak' a hundred soldiers and mair to kill it, and that its sides were a' red like bluid." By this time the "hale country side was astir," and strangers flocked so far from all quarters, that the farm of Kilbrook had all the appearance of a great hiring fair. Even after the aeronaut must have been a good way on his road to Carlisle, and quiet persons had retired to rest, a postchaise, filled with servant lasses, and drawn by two clumsy work-horses, came routing and rearing, and the company was so anxious to see the show, that they could scarcely be persuaded to retrace their steps, although they were told that they were at least four hours too late. Altogether, the people of Moffatdale seem to have been as much dumfounded at Mr. Green's unexpected appearance amongst them as the old wives of Fife were when the great Lunardi crossed the Frith, and fell from the lip, and when some was made humorous stave, of which we only recollect the far-end—

"They thought it was the last day,
"And went to their houses to pray;
"But, lo! when the angel came doon,
"Twas only Lunardi's balloon."

Dumf. Courier.



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**MR. GREEN'S
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HIGH AND LOW,

OR,

MR. GREEN,

AMONG THE STARS.

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HIGH AND LOW.

SOME mount their Hobbies; some in Coaches ride;—
And some there are who on the ocean glide—
While myriads go on *Shanks' two-legg'd mare*,
And groan and sweat beneath a load of care:
Of grovelling souls like these let others sing;
But *he* who soars aloft on vent'rous wing,
And overlooks the little world below him
Shall have my lays,—aye all the world shall know him.
What boots it, so he travel to the skies,
Whether by *wings* or *gas* he takes his rise?
An angel's pinions could not raise him higher
Than *gas*, pure gas, purg'd of its smoke and fire,
That *somehow* he attains his elevation,
And occupies the most exalted station,
Is quite enough to cause our admiration.

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Who asks a monarch *how* he got his throne
To doubt his *right* were treason—'tis his own,
Who asks a minister who him appointed,
His power was given him by the Lord's anointed,
Who says a Bishop can be void of grace,
Or, who denies the placeman's *right* to place;
When once a man is rais'd above his fellows,
He plays the organ, and *they* blow the bellows,
It matters not *who* rais'd him to his station
He's up—They're down, and must pay adoration.*

Thus having prov'd that folks who are above us,
Demand our praise whether they hate or love us,
Son of the Air! illustrious GREEN I greet,
(Not Mr. Green, renown'd, of Tooley Street.
Who bought "*an orse*," and in "*a nay band*" led him
Who took him home, and in the cellar fed him.)
But GREEN the *Aëronaut*, the *flying wonder*,
The man who rides on clouds, and darts through thunder,
Who visits planets in his gay balloon—a
Who dines with *Sol*, and sups with Lady *Luna*;
Who took a voyage at the *Coronation*†

* We should hope there are no radical rascals to be found among the "swinish multitude," base enough to doubt, much less to deny, these *self-evident*, and truly *legitimate* axioms.

† When that magnificent and all-accomplished Prince, George the Fourth, was crowned, those who had the direction of that gorgeous ceremony, considering it, very properly of course, an affair of too

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To tell the *Dog Star** of its celebration.
Who set the bells in planet *Saturn* ringing†
Who heard the jolly dogs in *Georgium* singing‡
Who saw the inhabitants of Mercury frying||
And left the Paphian maids in *Venus* crying§
Who, home returning, called on General *Mars*,
And talked of Waterloo, and British scars¶

much consequence to be confined to *this* globe, employed Mr. GREEN to convey the glad tidings to other worlds. The herald of the air obeyed the mandate; and, like Hermes of old, he flew off to execute the will of Jove.

* It appears that the Aëronaut was specially directed to go first to his *Canine* Majesty, in order that, as his influence over mortals during the *dog-days* which were at hand, he might implore his *Dogship*, to ward off the dreadful malady of hydrophobia from all august personages; and for a similar reason, he was commissioned to pay his respects to *Luna*.

† We understand that the bells in *Saturn* rang so merry a peal as to "shake the spheres."

‡ The song which the *Georgians* sung on the occasion, was the popular national song of "God save the King." Had Mr. GREEN thought of putting Atwood's Coronation Anthem in his pocket, no doubt the Georgians above, would have outdone the Georgians below; so perhaps, it is fortunate for musical *fame of this country*, that the Aëronaut forgot it.

|| Mr. GREEN declares, that Mercury was too hot to hold him; indeed that the Inhabitants were literally *frying*; and yet (according to the best astronomical information, they are a very *mercurial* race of beings, and eat, drink and sleep as comfortably as the best of us.

§ The lovely daughters of Venus were crying with downright envy, to think that their Adonis was so infinitely excelled by the Adonis of Britain.

¶ While Mr. GREEN was discoursing with the God of War, he expatiated on the bravery and military talents of his Grace, the Duke of Wellington; and what is *very extraordinary*, old Mars declared, that Wellington was a lucky dog; but as for his bravery

The same *advent'rous* GREEN, who t'other night,
Left Hackney hills to visit realms of light,
Who threw his ballast out near Hackney steeple,
And nearly blinded all the gazing people;
Who soar'd above the reach of human ken,
Far, far beyond the "busy hum" of men,
Who, while his car o'er Epping Forest rushes.
Compares its mighty oaks to gooseberry bushes,
The same *advent'rous* GREEN, who, when his flight was over
Alighted in a clover field, and *thought* himself in clover.

But ah! his gas was spent alas!
And gone was his inflation,
So down he laid upon the grass,
In sad humiliation.

The Essex louts soon throng'd about,
Our hero of the skies,
And as they tried to make him out,
They star'd with wondering eyes.

At length old Farmer Clodpole* spied,
The Aëronaut's balloon,
And wanted to be satisfied,
If GREEN came from the moon.

and military talents, he did not know where they lay. This, certainly looks like envy on the part of Mars; might it not be that his Grace is as good a General as his Godship? Two of a trade, they say, never agree.

* This unfeeling Clodpole, certainly deserves the reprehension of

"For, look'ye, Mr. Lunatic,
You've spoilt my field of clover,
Therefore depend on't here you'll stick,
Till you the *blunt* hand over."

"Indeed," cried GREEN, "'tis ticklish ground
And 'gainst the rules on high,
To clap an Aëronaut in pound,
Who, drops from yonder sky."

But vain was all his rhet'ric now,
And sad, indeed his plight,
He wish'd to go, but knew not how,
Old Clodpole held him tight.

'Ye high in pow'r, who guide the helm of state,
This moral learn from GREEN's unwelcome fate:—
How high soe'er you lord it in the nation,
Prepare yourselves for future degradation.
For, when the *gas* that puffs you up is gone,
And all your bags are empty—every one—
E'en Farmer Clodpole will be great as you,
And rig'rously will he exact his due!

every lover of science; and we sincerely regret, that the adventurous aëronaut had it not in his power to have given the fellow a ride back with him to Hackney, *in* his balloon, in discharge of the supposed debt due to him for the damage done to his clover.

Remember! GREEN, in his aerial pride
Was borne aloft, and elements defied;
But when he dropt in Clodpole's luckless field,
Lost was his pow'r, and he was forced to yield.



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at the County Hall.

A Committee of Gentlemen will be formed for superintending the arrange-
ments and attending to the comfort and convenience of those Persons who may
honor Mr. GREEN with their attendance.

BANDS OF MUSIC will attend, and an enclosure round the Balloon will be
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wish to obtain a more eligible view of the process of filling: Tickets of Admission
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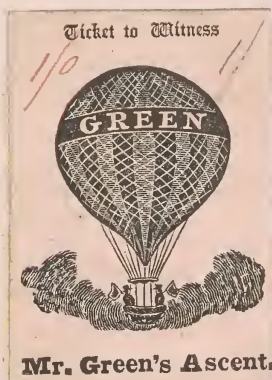
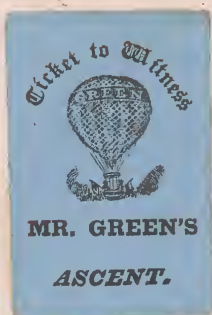
ORDER OF SIGNALS.—A Gun will be fired and a Pilot Balloon sent off to
announce the commencement of Inflation; a second Gun will be fired when the
process is completed; and the Ascent will be notified by a third Gun and a second
Pilot Balloon.—To afford the Public as ample an opportunity as possible for in-
specting the Balloon, the doors will be open at Eleven o'Clock.

N. B. It is requested that Ladies and Gentlemen who purpose attending to wit-
ness the Ascent, &c. will provide themselves with Tickets previous to the 8th, as
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BALLOON,

FROM WARWICK,

On the 5th of August, 1824, being his

19th AERIAL VOYAGE.

YE Lads and Lasses of fam'd Warwickshire,
Attention give and lend a willing Ear,
Again the Muse to GREEN a Tribute pays,
And owns him worthy of admiring Praise;
To him 'tis due, which Voices must acclaim,
His enterprising Spirit stamps his Fame!
Long must Reflection centre in the Mind,
Who Genius love, and have a Heart refin'd.

Near Warwick's Course (betimes a Sporting Scene,
Whereon a gallant Race has often been,)
The GRAND BALLOON majestic took its flight,
While Thousands view'd the splendour of the sight,
A Band of Music hail'd its fine Ascent,
And paid a zealous, handsome Compliment;
Amid the vast Expanse it graceful steer'd,
The Skies resounding as the Concourse Cheer'd.
Awhile could each the gay Machine descry,
Till as a Blank it vanish'd from the Eye,
Borne on the pinions of the heav'nly Wind,
Mankind it left and fertile Earth behind;
The verdant Meads—the Vallies deckt with Grain,
Pomona's Treasure and the fleecy plain;
Like the last sunshine of expiring day,
Its Beauty beam'd and then declin'd away.
Amid the air its silky lustre spread,
And with velocity a distance fled!
Green's youthful Female Friend undaunted brav'd
The airy Region, and her Colours wav'd;
Much praise to her is due from ev'ry Tongue,
Who show'd such Courage in an Age so young.
At length in safety they descended down,
And soon return'd to WARWICK'S ANCIENT TOWN.

By the Applause which GREEN'S great merit drew,
Ye Sons of Britons! be it mark'd by you;
Within your Hearts record his valiant Feat,
And think how noble—how sublime the Treat!
His fame requires you act a manly part,
Who's prov'd his Skill and philosophic Art.
May good Success and Health on him attend,
And Fortune's Goddess ever prove a Friend.

Foden, Printer, Jury Street, Warwick.

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Balloon Ascent and Speedy Fall.—Mr. Green, the aeronaut, having announced that he would ascend on Tuesday in his magnificent balloon from Sydney Gardens, Bath, an immense concourse of people was collected round the spot at an early hour. He commenced the inflation of the machine at four o'clock, from the gas pipes in Johnstone-street, and after it was filled two persons got in the car, and the balloon being permitted to ascend to a considerable height, was carried in that manner to the gardens; and during the day the experiment of a partial ascent was occasionally repeated. It was soon found, however, that the gas was escaping rapidly through some fissures in the silk, and before trying the final ascent it was deemed necessary to give the aerial machine an extra inflation. Notwithstanding this precaution, the gas escaped so quickly, that a gentleman who wished to accompany Mr. Green was obliged to forego his voyage, as the balloon was not sufficiently buoyant to carry two persons.—Mr. Green was also obliged to throw out most of the ballast to be able to ascend alone, and when the balloon was loosed from its moorings about two o'clock, it ascended but very gradually in a westerly direction. Having attained the height of about three or four hundred yards, it suddenly began to descend, and came to the ground in one of the gardens of a house in Kingsmead-terrace, not more than half a mile from the place whence it started.—Mr. Green effected his landing in safety, and the machine was shortly re-conveyed to Sydney Gardens. A number of persons crowded round the balloon on its descent, and the gas escaped in such volumes, that one poor boy was nearly suffocated, and was taken to the United Hospital in a senseless state, but on the application of proper remedies speedily recovered. *May 22, 1830*

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On Saturday last, Mr. Green, jun. made his 40th aerial voyage from Cambridge, accompanied by Robert Holland, Esq. of Corpus Christi college, and Thomas Wm. Hulkes, Esq. of St. John's college, who advanced a sum of money to enjoy the pleasure of the excursion. At about half-past six o'clock the aeronauts entered the car, Mr. Green standing in the centre, and his companions sitting one at each end. The machine rose in the most majestic manner, and the ascent was one of the most grand and imposing ever witnessed. The balloon took a north-westward direction, and continued in sight upwards of half an hour. At a quarter after eight, the aerial travellers descended in perfect safety, upon a farm occupied by Messrs. Waddelow & Little, in the parish of Stand-ground, three miles to the right of Peterborough. *May 15 - 1830*

PROVINCIAL. July 24 1830

Mr. Green, the experienced aeronaut, accompanied by Mr. J. B. Cuttill, made a second ascent from Lincoln on Tuesday last, and, like the former one on Midsummer fair-day, it was particularly favored by the weather. A parachute, with a handsome little dog in it, the property of J. Fardell, Esq. descended from a height of perhaps 1,500 feet (from Mr. Green's calculation): it was a considerable time in view before it reached the ground, and presented a delightful object: it fell in a field at the foot of the hill below the Asylum, and the little animal, which was well secured in a basket, was taken up unhurt. After a voyage of an hour and 40 minutes the travellers descended safely at Rothwell, four miles east of Caistor, to which place they were fetched in a chaise by J. Dixon, Esq. who, as well as his townsmen, had been for some time watching the approach of the balloon. As in the former ascent, the waters of the German Ocean, Boston Deep, and the Humber, were visible at intervals, but occasionally interrupted by the rising of mists from the earth: the course of the Trent was also traceable for a considerable distance.

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Mr. Green, jun. accompanied by R. Holland, Esq. of Corpus Christi, and T. W. Hulkes, Esq. of St. John's College, Cambridge, ascended in his balloon from Cambridge on Saturday, and descended in the farm at Stand-ground, within three miles of Peterborough, performing the distance (38 miles) in one hour and 35 minutes. *May 1830*

AEROSTATION. Yesterday (Wednesday), Mr. Green, jun. ascended in his balloon from the area of the White Cloth Hall, in the presence of a very large and highly-respectable assemblage. The inflation commenced a little before two o'clock, and proceeded steadily till about a quarter to four, when, in consequence of a sudden jerking of the balloon, the connecting pipe was severed, and the supply of gas suspended till the damage was repaired. At twenty-five minutes to six, the balloon, which is made of silk in alternate stripes of crimson and gold, and is calculated to hold 140,000 gallons of gas, was completely filled, and the supply was cut off. The car, which is of crimson damask, ornamented with blue silk drapery, and lined with green damask, had been previously attached. In it the intrepid aeronaut took his place, and after a few preliminary arrangements a gentleman of this town, whose name we understood to be Kelsall, also mounted the car. The balloon was then permitted to ascend to the height of about a hundred feet, being restrained by ropes. At this distance Mr. Green let go his improved parachute containing a living cat, which descended upon the roof of the Cloth Hall in a very beautiful manner. The balloon was then pulled down, for the purpose of affixing the grappling irons and making the final arrangements, which being completed, precisely at six o'clock the aeronaut loosed the cords which bound him to the earth, and the balloon went off in a most majestic style, amidst the cheers of the spectators, the band of the 10th Royal Hussars, which had attended by permission of Colonel Wyndham, playing, "God save the King," and the aeronaut and his friend waving their flags. The intrepid voyagers arrived safe at Jones's Café de l'Europe, in this town, a little before one o'clock this morning, having descended into a field belonging to Mr. Armitage, in the township of Royston, about four miles from Barnsley, at half-past seven o'clock. Several persons obligingly went to their assistance, amongst them Mr. Hawkins, a worthy farmer, who kindly invited them to tea at his house, and undertook to repair all damages. Two miles and a half was the greatest estimated height which the balloon ascended; the voyage was remarkably pleasant, but the weather was very cold.—*Leeds Intelligencer. Aug 2 1830*

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MR. GREEN AND HIS BALLOON.—A disgraceful scene occurred a few days ago at Devizes. Mr. Green, the aeronaut, who had already once disappointed the people of that place, being unable, from an escape of gas from his balloon, on account of its unfinished state, to ascend according to promise, the mob broke in, and with knives and other instruments destroyed the balloon, which contained 1,500 yards of silk, and the car; and it was only through the prompt interference of the magistrates that Mr. Green was saved from personal injury. Such was the fury of the enlightened people of Wilts, that, to preserve life, Mr. Green, his wife, and a friend, were compelled to secrete themselves in a dark hole until eleven o'clock at night.

Mr. Green, jun. made a very fine ascent in his balloon from Cambridge, on the 15th instant, and descended in safety about eight o'clock, near the residence of H. Osborne, Esq., at Branches Park, in Suffolk. Dr. Woodhouse, of Caius College, and James Ackers and F. W. Beaumont, Esquires, of Trinity College, accompanied the aeronaut. *May 1830*

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Cambridge.—Mr. Green, jun. made a second ascent on Saturday se'nnight in his very magnificent balloon from this town. He was accompanied on this occasion by Dr. Woodhouse, Senior Fellow of Caius College, and James Ackers and F. W. Beaumont, Esq. of Trinity College, each of whom posted the *Pony* in liberal sums. All the appendages being secured, and the necessary arrangements completed, precisely at half-past six, at a given signal, the cords were loosened, the band struck up "God save the King," and the splendid machine arose at a rapid rate, amidst the shouts and applause of the assembled thousands. For the better accommodation of his companions Mr. Green took his seat upon the hoop above the car, carrying in his right hand a silk parachute, to which was attached a small basket containing a live dog, which was dropped from the balloon when it had attained the height of about 1800 feet, occasioning considerable alarm to those individuals who were not aware of the effect of this somewhat novel sight; the parachute almost immediately expanded, and gradually descended until it fell into the river, near Chesterton, from which it was instantly taken by some persons near the spot, and with the animal perfectly safe, restored to the owner. With the exception of a short interval in passing through several clouds, the balloon was seen till within a short time of its descent, which took place about eight o'clock, near the residence of H. Osborne, Esq. at Branches Park, in Suffolk. During the voyage, and when nearly over the town of Newmarket, Mr. Beaumont, whilst in the act of making an observation, dropped his pocket-book containing a £5 note and several memoranda, for the recovery of which he has offered a reward.

Loss of Mr. Green's Balloon.—*Miraculous Escape of the Aeronaut.*—The following letter appeared in a Stamford Paper:—"Wisbeach, June 20.—We are most credibly informed, by Mr. S. Provost, of Thorney, farmer, on whom we may rely, that a grand balloon, belonging to Mr. Green, was taken in Thorney Fen by him, without any person whatever being with it, and, upon securing it, it was also found that the rope and grappling irons were missing. It of course threw him, and others who by this time had come to his assistance, into a state of alarm as to the safety of Mr. Green, and any other person who might have been with him. We have not as yet heard any thing of him." Fortunately all fears have been since dispelled by the appearance of Mr. Green himself, who has furnished the following explanation of the event. He says, he made his ascent from the outskirts of Coventry on Friday afternoon, at twenty minutes before four o'clock, and, having attained an altitude of 1,500 feet, he made an experiment to try the efficiency of his safety valve, which when opened, he supposes from some of the silk becoming entangled with the springs, remained so, and the gas of course rapidly escaped. The balloon descended at a frightful rate on the town, and Mr. Green with consummate coolness cut away the grapple, and, as he neared the tops of the houses, threw himself from the car, holding on at the same time by the ropes. A strong current dashed the car against a house, and then it rose again, thus affording Mr. Green an opportunity of saying, "Adieu to thee, thou lovely one!" as he quietly took his station on the roof of the building. He was hurt, but not seriously, and, like a British tar (which we believe Mr. G. has been) he looks at the adventure as "a good lark!" *Leeds Intelligencer. July 24 1830*

FINDING OF MR. GREEN'S BALLOON.—*Probable Death of this Intrepid Aeronaut.*—We have received from a respectable correspondent, the following letter, from which we are greatly afraid that Mr. Green's one hundred and fifty-second trip to the clouds has been his last. Should any further intelligence reach us, before all our impression is worked off, we will insert it:—"Wisbeach, June 20.—We are most credibly informed by a Mr. S. Provost, of Thorney, a farmer, upon whom we may rely, that a grand balloon, belonging to Mr. Green, was taken in Thorney-fen by him, without any person whatever being with it, and, upon securing it, it was also found that the rope and grappling irons were missing. It of course threw him, and others who by this time had come to his assistance, into a state of alarm as to the safety of Mr. Green, and any other person who might have been with him. We have not as yet heard any thing of him, but we hope and trust that in our *Champion* of Tuesday we shall have a full and favourable account of Mr. Green."—We have just heard a rumour, that Mr. Green is alive, having saved himself on the top of a house near Coventry.—*Ed. Stamford Champion. July 24 1830*

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BALLOON ASCENT.—On Friday afternoon, Mr. Green, jun., made his second ascent from the White Cloth Hall-yard in Leeds, being the 46th time that he has ascended in his magnificent balloon. The inflation of the balloon commenced about half past twelve, and it was nearly completed about half past four; the supply of gas, however, was not finally cut off till near six o'clock. At ten minutes past six, the car having been properly attached to the balloon, Mr. Green entered it with Mr. Snowdon and Mr. Russom, the gentlemen who accompanied him. The weights which had been attached to the balloon to check its buoyancy were then detached, and it was moved from its original situation to the centre of the yard. All the preliminary arrangements being completed, at half past six precisely, the ropes were let go, and the balloon ascended most majestically amidst the cheers of the spectators. It proceeded in a south easterly direction at a very rapid rate, and in less than five minutes it entered a dense cloud, and was not again visible at Leeds. At 44 minutes past six the intrepid voyagers made a safe descent in the Ings, at Wakefield, having travelled about ten miles in little more than thirteen minutes. A great number of the inhabitants of Wakefield were attracted to the Ings to witness the descent, with which they were much gratified. Mr. Green, and his two friends, arrived safe at Jones's Café de l'Europe, in Park-row, Leeds, at ten o'clock the same evening.—*Leeds Intelligencer.*

Balloon Sleeves.—A few weeks ago, when the rage for wearing enormous sleeves was at its height, a lady arrived by one of the steam-boats, with shoulders more than usually tumid. Green's balloon was but a type to these fashionable enormities in the millinery art. One of that officious class of persons called *tidewaiters*, expressed a strong inclination to examine the shoulders of her ladyship's gown. This caused her to frown and blush; but the officer was obdurate, and insisted upon a search being made, when, after a considerable resistance, he liberated ten pints of Highland whisky from the sleeves of her gown, carefully stowed away in sheep's bladders. The Lady must have felt much lighter after this deliverance.

THE SNOB.

*Tityre, tu patulae recubans sub tegmine fagi
Sylvestrem?* VIRGIL.

No. 7. THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1829. PRICE 2½d.

ARTICLE I.—THE VETERAN AERONAUT OR MR. GREEN.

A DRAMATIC SKETCH.

"Audax omnia perpeti."—HOR.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

The Veteran Aeronaut.....Mr. GREEN.
The Pony.....AN AMATEUR. The Balloon...AN OLD HAND, being his
The Living Animal...THE CHIMÆRA. The Parachute...AN EMINENT UPHOL-
STERER.
The Inflator.....DECK, ESQ. The FiddlerTHE SNOB!!!
Constables, Spectators, Gas-pipes, &c., by the TOWN and GOWN.

SCENE—A spacious and commodious enclosure in Barnwell, belonging to Mr. Warwick, the well-known residence of the late George Bullen, Esq.

Time—FIVE O'CLOCK.

Mr. Green appears in a pea-green jacket, yellow smalls, pumps, and a white hat. At the same moment Mr. Deck appears, elegantly dressed in a new blue coat, and nankeen trousers; he applies himself to the pipes.
The balloon is no sooner observed to begin to fill, than the Fiddler enters, and stations himself on a tub at the right of the ring. Upon this Mr. Green comes forward, and taking off his white hat begins the

RECITATIVE.

O Ladies and Gentlemen list to me now,

While Ducky* inflates the balloon,

I'll sing what I'll do when I make my last bow—

—Come, you Fiddler,* do strike up the tune.

*looking tearful-
ly on Deck, Esq.

*looking fearfully
at the Fiddler.

The Fiddler violently resins his bow, and therewith strikes up a beautiful Air, composed for the occasion. Mr. Green, after taking several turns round the area, first at a walk, then at a trot, next at a hand-canter, and lastly at a

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gallop, suddenly stops, and (as soon as he has gained breath) breaks into the following enthusiastic

AIR.

With the stars I will gambol at hide and seek
With the planets I'll dance a quadrille:
I will dine on green cheese seven times in a week,
While I sit on a lunar hill.

I'll hug pretty Venus, coy Vesta I'll kiss*
When once in the air with the dearies,*
And pull about Pallas, that wiseacre Miss,
And caper with Juno and Ceres.

*The Ladies look
on one another.
*Green looks on
the ladies.

While thus on my gambols, if ever in sight
An inquisitive comet shall sail;
I'll stop him, by Jove, in his whirligig flight,
And I'll pull the old dog by the tail.*

*Here enters Pony
with his tail
greased.

If the Gentleman-Planets, in jealousy, choose
Look at me with the feminine stars;
Jove, Herschel, and Saturn I'll mortally bruise,*
And darken* the daylight of Mars.

*The fiddler winces
*The fiddler winks

Should "Nepos Atlantis"* dare ever to pout
At the gambols cælestis orchestræ,
I'll put on the gloves*, and I'll make him turn out,
—Quite fly to his "more palæstræ."

*The ladies and
the Snobs are
greatly amused
with the latin.
*At the word
"Gloves" a
little jostling
takes place in a
corner.

From each shoulder I'll spread, in my merry career
A rainbow instead of a wing,
And should old Saturn tip me a Saturnine sneer,*
I'll lick him right out of his ring.*

*Fiddler grins.
*Mr. Green licks
fiddler.

Upon this, fired with indignation, the Snobs rush in upon Mr. Green, who is immediately supported by the Gownsmen, hence a general row commences; War-cries of Town and Gown resound from all quarters;—Deck, Esq. overcome by terror, immediately makes for the pony, but the pony eludes his grasp;—he then makes for the balloon, squeezing himself in at the safety valve, it being the safest place for a gentleman in his situation, where, overpowered by the noxious vapour, he falls into a stupor.—The row dies away.—In a few hours peace is established, and at twenty minutes past eight, the fiddler being seated

Mr. Green continues his melody. (Deck, Esq. is missed but not inquired after).—

With a cask of neat lightning what rigs will I run
With that jolly old cove in the moon,
With a thunder-bolt match light my pipe at the sun,
And make the poor earth my spittoon.*

*Spits at fiddler.

Perhaps you would think that whenever it snow'd,
I could not escape from a whitening;
No*—I'll have a great-coat made of warm fleecy
cloud,
And breeches of thunder and lightning.

*The fiddler blows
his nose, where-
by he puts out
Mr. Green,
wherefore he is
ticked. &c.

There quickly I'll white-wash this jolly red nose*,
And I'll give a fresh curl to my hair,
From the galaxy stealing the milk of the rose,
And borrowing grease from the Bear.

*pats his own nose
—and puts fiddler's ditto.

Believe me, kind friends, this last meeting of ours
My once dormant feelings arouses;—
—Engineer cut the ropes!—or else by the powers
We shall never get clear of the houses.

*takes out an
onion in a pocket
handkerchief
and tries to
weep.)

During the last verse he has been getting into the car.—The engineer cuts the ropes, the balloon begins to rise.—Fiddler plays a mixed variety of tunes,—while all the spectators with Mr. Green himself, join in the following song of exultation. (Deck, Esq. having recovered, is at intervals heard singing from within.)

ALL. There { they } go up, up, up,
Here { we }

DECK.—Let me, (with emphasis) go down, down,
down.

GREEN.—Come out of that there,

DECK.—Touch me if you dare.

A violent strug-
gle ensues which
ends in Deck's
being ejected.

ALL. There he }
Here he } Come down, down, down.
Here I }

He falls into the Cam;—from which he is rescued by the presence of mind of the Fiddler; the Proctor passing at the moment, is struck with admiration at his heroism, and creates him a bull-dog on the spot, just as Mr. Green is out of sight. [Vivante Proctores.]

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ARTICLE II.—AN ANECDOTE.

Foot, the play-actor, or perhaps it would be better to call him the play-writer, or perhaps still better to sum both his qualifications in one word, the play-actor-play-writer, for he likewise wrote plays. But Foot, I say, the play-actor-play-writer, while in the prime of life, or perhaps we had better distinctly mention his age, since the opinions of the learned greatly vary as to the age which ought to be called the prime of life, though to speak the truth I agree with neither one nor the other, inasmuch as I think, or more properly consider, the term "thinking" being applied rather to a passing thought, than a well-grounded opinion, an opinion indeed, which the fancy first evolved, upon which the brain then revolved, and which finally the judgment resolved; I think, I say, that the prime of a man's life is the time when man is at his prime, but this time I conceive to vary, inasmuch as that man, who as Shakespeare has it, in one of his most beautiful dramatic productions, for I will not call it the most beautiful, inasmuch as I consider the characters of Pistol in Tragedy, of the cock in Hamlet in comedy, and of Lady Macbeth in broad farce, as perhaps the finest specimens of the master hand which designed, and of the patient research which finished them, not that I think it at all unlikely that many may have a different opinion, nor indeed would I hold it myself unless I had seen them in the hands of some of the best actors that have ever appeared on the English stage, which stage, I may take this opportunity of saying, I do not consider, with many fanatics, as a disgrace to a nation possessing Christianity, though I must be allowed to suggest, that their Christianity, or more properly speaking, Protestantism, has become rather doubtful, since the unlooked-for and terrible issue of the Catholic question, a question which has for so many years agitated the minds of the nation, and which has finally been gained, not by the superior talents of the defenders of Catholic Emancipation, but by the ever-to-be-regretted-and-always-to-be-despised desertion of those whom the Protestant Church was proud to rank among her chiefest ornaments; and here let me solemnly declare, that I use not the word "church" as applicable to the building, as if I should say, St. Mary's church, or

even the little round church in Bridge-street, but I apply it solely to the congregation or congregations assembled in the church or churches in this united kingdom, whose members, though professing Protestantism, a religion whose characteristics are liberality and good will towards all mankind, yet with the obstinacy of bigotry disgraced themselves in the late Session of Parliament, by denying that to others which they themselves enjoyed; can any thing be more barbarous?—can any thing be more inconsistent with the spirit of true religion?—

The above is the interesting medium through which we generally intend to convey to the world our literary and political opinions. This anecdote will therefore be continued till further notice.

ARTICLE III.—MRS. RAMSBOTTOM IN CAMBRIDGE.

Radish Ground Buildings.

DEAR SIR,—I was surprized to see my name in Mr. Bull's paper, for I give you my word I have not written a syllabub to him since I came to reside here, that I might enjoy the satiety of the literary and learned world.

I have the honour of knowing many extinguished persons. I am on terms of the greatest contumacy with the Court of Aldermen, who first recommended your weekly dromedary to my notice, knowing that I myself was a great literati. When I am at home, and in the family way, I make Lavy read it to me, as I consider you the censure of the anniversary, and a great upholder of moral destruction.

When I came here, I began reading Mechanics (written by that gentleman whose name you whistle). I thought it would be something like the Mechanics Magazine, which my poor dear Ram used to make me read to him, but I found them very foolish. What do I want to know about weights and measures and bull's-eyes, when I have left off trading. I have therefore begun a course of ugly-physics, which are very odd, and written by the Marquis of Spinningtoes.

I think the Library of Trinity College is one of the most admirable objects here. I saw the busks of several gentlemen whose statutes I had seen at Room, and who all received there edification

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at that College. There was Aristocracy who wrote farces for the Olympic Theatre, and Democracy who was a laughing philosophy.

I forgot to mention, that my son George Frederick is entered at St. John's, because I heard that they take most care of their morals at that College. I called on the tutor, who received myself and son very politely, and said he had no doubt my son would be a tri-
pod, and he hoped perspired higher than polly, which I did not like. I am going to give a tea at my house, when I shall be delighted to see yourself and children.

Believe me, dear Sir,
Your most obedient and affectionate
DOROTHEA JULIA RAMSBOTTOM.

ARTICLE IV.—SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

HORTICULTURE.

It is reported that the Cambridge Horticultural Society intend to reduce the prizes for *smellables* and *eyeables*, with a view to encourage a greater supply of *eatables*.

ARTICLE V.—ADVERTISEMENT.

Wanted, in Trinity-street, more room.—Apply to Mr. Elliot Smith.

ARTICLE VI.—TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The verses by a "Thinking Snob," (if original) certainly do him credit; but they are rather too serious for our bagatelle.

The "Extraordinary Novelty" is far too personal.

"Frater Snob,"—false quantities are not the only ingredients of wit.

A number of small fry we are obliged to denounce as inadmissible.

No. 8. will be published on Thursday, May 28.

N. B.—"All communications to be directed to MR. SMITH, Rose Crescent, which, it is requested, may be post-paid.

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Sept. 11. 1826
Mr. Green, accompanied by a young lady named Spooner, ascended in his balloon, at Bolton, in Lancashire on Monday last. He descended in safety at Chadderton, near Oldham.



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NOCTURNAL AEROSTATIC EXHIBITION.—Mr. Green is a very enterprising aeronaut, but certainly he has more of courage than prudence. The danger that of necessity results from a descent after night-fall, is incomparably greater than can arise from leaving the earth in the day-time. Zambecari ascended about the same hour from Bologna, and, with his companion Dr. Andreoli, narrowly-escaped destruction, by falling into the Adriatic. Madame Blanchard perished in consequence of a nocturnal ascent near Paris. This fate appears to be common to all who have dared the danger.

Atlas. Aug. 6. 1826

PASS TICKET.

Green

Mr. GREEN'S NOCTURNAL ASCENTS.—Having now made three nocturnal ascents, Mr. Green says he is decidedly of opinion, that there is less danger or difficulty in making an ascent on a calm moonlight night than at any other time. The temperature of the air being more equable, the balloon is not exposed to those alternate rarefactions and condensations which, in the day-time, cause much trouble to the aeronaut. The air is also more frequently in a state of perfect calm at nightfall than at any other time, and from this circumstance Mr. Green entertains a strong conviction that he shall be able to accomplish, to a certain extent, the desideratum of aerial navigation. Not that he expects to be able to navigate his balloon when the air is moving with any considerable velocity; on the contrary, he considers it, under such circumstances, utterly impracticable. The principle upon which the machinery is founded, is the resisting power of the air; and with a view of taking advantage of this, the machinery is constructed so as to act like a bellows, in pouring a considerable and continued stream of air in a direction opposite to that in which he wishes the balloon to move. The effect is expected to be produced by the resistance the current thus created will receive in striking against the sheet of air against which it is directed. The results of several experiments which Mr. Green has made, have so convinced him of the truth of this theory, that he has already had machinery made for the purpose, which it is his intention of trying the first favourable opportunity. The weight of the machine is only 19lbs. It will discharge 70,000 gallons of air in eight minutes. The following experiment may serve to illustrate the principle:—A small balloon was let off in a room, purposely secured so as to exclude the least current of air. The balloon, therefore, hung perfectly stationary, having in its car a bladder filled with condensed air, the mouth of which was directed horizontally. On the removal of the plug which confined this air, the balloon began to move in an opposite direction, till it came in contact with the side of the room. On being turned round, it moved in a similar manner to the other end of the room.—Morning Chronicle.

Aug. 10. 1826

SCIENTIFIC NOTICES. Aug. 20. 1826

NOCTURNAL AEROSTATION.—Mr. Green has again ascended from Vauxhall, and the intrepid aeronaut tells us that it is easier to navigate the air by night than by day. Wanting Mr. Green's practical experience, we cannot enter the field of controversy with him in this matter; though it must be sufficiently obvious, that obstacles, in a great measure of an unforeseen nature, may occur at the moment of descent, which is at all times the most dangerous part of the voyage. There is, however, one part of the statement which Mr. Green has just put forth, which should not pass unnoticed.

Mr. Green says, that he can readily navigate the air in any required direction, by means of a small orifice in a vessel of compressed air, contained within the balloon or car. To demonstrate the practicability of this scheme, he has recourse to a very puerile experiment, in which he shows that a small-balloon may actually be moved by an apparatus of this description. If Mr. Green would but examine the magnitude of the disturbing force resulting from a strong current of air in motion, and acting on the extended surface of his balloon, he would see how completely disproportionate his power of compression must be to the resistance of the wind. The truth is, that Mr. Green may be considered as an ingenious man—he is certainly a bold one, but no philosopher.



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and Festival Committee.*



Mr. C. GREEN,

Who had (by order of Government) the honour to make his first Ascent at his Majesty's Coronation, respectfully announces to the Nobility, Gentry, and Public, that he purposes making his

85th Aerial Voyage

FROM THE

COURT at the AREA

OF THE

WORKHOUSE,

On WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3, 1827,

At Four o' Clock in the Afternoon.

Tickets of Admission 2s. 6d. each, to be had at the Newspaper Offices, and principal Booksellers.

This splendid BALLOON is the same with which Mr. GREEN performed his nocturnal Ascents from the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, London. It is composed of 1200 yards of the richest Silk, in alternate Colours of Crimson and Gold, measures 110 feet in circumference, contains 141,364 gallons, and with the Car attached, is 60 feet high.

MR. GREEN'S BALLOON ASCENT.

(From the Maidstone Journal.)

On Wednesday last the admirers of acrostation enjoyed a high treat in witnessing the ascent of Mr. Green, the intrepid aeronaut, accompanied by Colonel Lyster, a resident of this town, whose gallant exertions in the cause of the independence of South America have distinguished him as a soldier and a patriot. About noon the balloon was sufficiently inflated to ascend, and the weather being favourable, the car was attached, and many individuals enjoyed the pleasure of a flight to a considerable distance above the houses, the machine being confined by ropes, and in that manner was allowed to ascend, and hauled down again at pleasure. The sensation is described by all who witnessed it to have been of the most delightful and exhilarating nature. Two military bands, that of the Cavalry Depot and the West Kent Militia, were stationed near the spot; on the roofs of many of the houses in the neighbourhood platforms were erected with awnings, for the accommodation of spectators. On the top of the Town-hall accommodations of a superior nature were prepared, where several very respectable families from the neighbourhood were provided with an excellent view of the whole proceeding, by the politeness of the Mayor, and the kindness of the gentleman through whose premises access to the summit of the hall was obtained. At four o'clock the car was detached from the balloon, in order to add a sufficient quantity of gas for the grand ascent. At half-past four, Colonel Lyster and Mr. Green took their seats in the car. About 10 minutes were spent in preliminary preparations, and at 20 minutes to five, the word being given to "let go," the balloon ascended slowly and majestically, the bands playing "God save the King," and the multitude rending the air with their enthusiastic plaudits and acclamations. Having ascended beyond the tops of the houses, Mr. Green cast off the only remaining rope, the balloon rose very rapidly, and the thousands of spectators again renewed their applauding shouts.

After six minutes' perpendicular ascent, the balloon diverged to the south-east, and soon entered a very dense cloud, in which it remained three minutes, when it again appeared in sight. On entering and on leaving the cloud, the spectators uttered a shout of acclamation, which Mr. Green states they distinctly heard, though at an immense height. At this time they had attained an elevation of two miles and three quarters, the greatest altitude ever gained by Mr. Green, and the heat of the sun expanded the gas to such an extent that the balloon was in danger of bursting; indeed, the gas rushed down the tube at the bottom of the balloon into the car. The darkness in which they were enveloped at this time in consequence of the density of the cloud was so extreme, that the voyagers could not see the balloon! Mr. Green, however, managed to get hold of the valve line, opened the valve, and kept it open during their passage through the cloud, three minutes, by which so much gas was emitted, that the balloon collapsed very much, and was plainly seen from the earth, descending very rapidly. Mr. Green commenced discharging the ballast; but the rapidity of the descent was so great, that when the sand was shaken from the bags, it appeared to ascend instead of descending. Mr. Green states that the balloon fell so swiftly, that the car, to which the grappling iron was attached by a line more than 50 feet long, swung round, so that for some minutes, the grapple was level with the car, and once the car bounded up against the balloon. On nearing the earth, however, enough ballast had been discharged to ascend again, but wishing to give the spectators another view of the balloon, and also finding that the spot they were over was more adapted for a descent than any which could have been found perhaps for many miles further, they determined on landing again on terra firma, and descended safely in the Earl of Romney's park, at the Mote, at five o'clock. Colonel Lyster was welcomed on his return by his sister, who, with several officers from the depot, had followed the course of the balloon on horseback, and had arrived at the spot almost immediately after the descent was effected. The cold during the few minutes they remained in the cloud was intense, and on their emerging from it, the view of the surrounding country was superbly grand. Sheerness, the Nore, with the shipping, could be distinctly seen. Mr. Green never ascended with such rapidity before, and is the only aeronaut who has ever ascended to such an immense height in so short a space of time, and descended in the same parish. He is so convinced of the safety of these aerial expeditions, that he would at any time prefer a voyage to the upper regions to one on the ocean. It is calculated that nearly 20,000 people were assembled in Maidstone, and as many more in its environs.

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ROCHESTER, JULY 19.—It having been publicly announced that Mr. Green was to ascend this day in his balloon, from a field near this city, a great concourse of people, from the adjacent parts, assembled to witness the ascension. An inhabitant of Rochester, Mr. Rawlins, had agreed to accompany him in his aerial excursion; but while the preparations were making to fill the balloon, one of the gas pipes burst, which occasioned a delay of nearly two hours. When the pipe was repaired they recommenced their operations. The wind, which had blown fresh from the south-west during the day, now increased to a hurricane: when the balloon was nearly filled, the agitation caused such a pressure to the leeward side, that the ropes or cords made an aperture three feet in length, the gas evaporated, and the balloon sunk almost instantly, and of course became useless, to the great disappointment of the assembled spectators. No blame attaches to the owners of the vehicle. It is expected they will be able to gratify the public with a more successful attempt early in the next week.

BALLOON.—Mr. Green ascended from Birmingham on Monday, and descended in a corn field near Walsall, the proprietor of which is determined to sue Mr. Green at law for the damage done to his crop.

BALLOON ASCENT.—Yesterday (Friday) afternoon Mr. Green ascended from Warrington about half-past four o'clock. About half-past five o'clock he passed almost directly over this town. The balloon was then nearing the earth; but upon Mr. Green's throwing out some ballast it again ascended, and went off in the direction of Oldham. Mr. Green arrived in Manchester at nine o'clock, on his return to Warrington, having descended at Greenhead, near Lees, about nine miles from this town. He was accompanied by his son and a ship captain. The voyagers expressed themselves highly delighted with their journey. They were between this and Warrington at a height of two miles; and after leaving Manchester they again ascended to the height of about 1½ miles.—Manchester Gazette.

Mr. Green intended to ascend the skies again in his balloon from Birmingham, on Monday last; but the weather was too boisterous to allow him to ascend with safety. He therefore returned the money to the persons in the enclosure; and was opening the valve to permit the gas to escape, when a sudden gust of wind completely destroyed the balloon, which he valued at 200*l*.

Mr. Green ascended in his balloon from Canterbury on Tuesday last, and narrowly escaped destruction. The balloon descended with great violence (the top had burst, and the gas began to escape before it went up) in a hop-ground near that city; and Mr. Green was insensible from the numerous shocks he had received before the irons would take hold.

Among the witnesses called on the part of the defendants in the case of the King v. the Mersey and Irwell Navigation Company, was a man named Lea, whose cross-examination by Mr. Brougham was productive of considerable mirth. He was, in person, manner, dress, and appearance, the *beau ideal* of Smollett's *Tom Pipes*. He had stated in his examination in chief, that the Mersey navigation had materially improved within the last forty years, during which he had known it. Vessels of a greater burden could now get up than could formerly.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brougham.—Well, Mr. Lea, you are a pilot?

Lea (with a voice of a Stentor).—No; I am not (laughter.)

Mr. Brougham.—Speak out, my good friend; the Jury must hear, you know (loud laughter.)

Lea (in a similar tone).—I know they must, and I'll take care they do (laughter.)

Mr. Brougham (lowering his voice so as scarcely to be audible).—I am sorry to distress you, my poor man; but if you think it won't injure your lungs, I would request you to speak a little louder. (Loud laughter.)

Lea (imitating the manner of Mr. Brougham, and in a stage whisper).—I dare say they'll be able to hear me. (Continued laughter.)

Mr. Brougham.—Pray what are you, Mr. Lea, if you are not a pilot—you navigate vessels, you know?

Lea.—I do that for my own pleasure.

Mr. Brougham.—Is that all your business, then, Mr. Lea?

Lea.—It is.

Mr. Brougham.—Then you are a man of pleasure?

Lea.—I am, Sir. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Brougham.—I am glad to hear that. Such an animal is a very refreshing sight to us men of business. And what makes you thus take your pleasure in navigating vessels?

Lea.—To serve a poor man.

Mr. Brougham.—That's very good of you, I am sure; and pray how often do you serve a poor man?

Lea.—As often as wind and tide serve. (Laughter.)

Mr. Brougham.—Hum! besides these long vessels, they tell me you navigate some round ones, that go into the air?

Lea.—I wish I was in one now. (Loud and continued laughter.)

Mr. Brougham.—Then you mean to say, that during the last forty years the state of the river has improved?

Lea.—I do, Sir.

Re-examined by the Attorney-General.—You are a man of property, residing at Warrington?

Lea.—I am, Sir.

Attorney-General.—You, I believe, gave Mr. Green 10*l*. to allow you to ascend with him in his balloon?

Lea.—Fifteen pounds. (Laughter.)

Attorney-General.—Had you a pleasant voyage?

Lea.—As pleasant a voyage as ever I had in my life. (Long continued laughter.)



Royal Balloon.

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OF THE

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The Mayor

AND MAGISTRATES.



Mr. GREEN,

Who had the honour to make his first ascent by order of Government, at His MAJESTY'S CORONATION, respectfully announces to the Gentry and Public of Hull and its Vicinity, that he purposes making his Eighty-fourth Aërial Voyage, with his improved Balloon,

FROM A CLOSE ADJOINING THE

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COMPANY'S SPACIOUS WORKS,

BANK-SIDE, SCULCOATES,

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On Monday, Sept. 24, 1827,

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On which occasion he will be accompanied by a Gentleman of Hull.

Mr. GREEN is the only English Aëronaut that ever ascended at Night—the first that succeeded in conveying Persons to a given height during the confinement of the Balloon by ropes—and the first to prove the practicability of ascending with Carburetted-Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, the decided superiority of which he has satisfactorily proved, and which has been acknowledged by all who have witnessed the inflation of his Balloon, and which will be used,

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HULL, ON THE PRESENT OCCASION.

The inflation will commence at Half-past Two o'Clock precisely, by which time the attendance of such Ladies and Gentlemen, as are desirous of witnessing it, is requested, as the process will occupy little more than ONE HOUR.

A BAND OF MUSIC WILL PERFORM DURING THE INFLATION.

For the accommodation of all parties, the Ground, which is very extensive, (contiguous to which is a Shed, capable of sheltering 3 or 4000 Persons,) will be divided into two parts.

Admission, 1*s*. or 2*s*. each;

And to the FIELD adjoining, which commands an eligible view of the inflation and launch of the Balloon, 6*d*. each.—Children, half price.

Tickets to be had of REES DAVIES, BOOKSELLER.

The Balloon, with which Mr. G. purposes ascending, is the same magnificent one that he has used during his nocturnal ascents from the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall. It measures 110 feet in circumference, contains 149,480 gallons, and with the Car attached, is 60 feet high.

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—Mr. Green ascended Friday in his balloon from Ipswich, amid an immense concourse of spectators—the descent at Sutton, ten miles distant.—Violet

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THE VAUXHALL ADVENTURE; OR, ROMANCE IN A BALLOON.

SURELY I must have been dreaming! It is incredible that, in this nineteenth and rational century, such an event could have happened as is now floating in my mind, like the balloon in the air; therefore my judgment shall be suspended, like the car thereunto attached, until I have the weight of the world's opinion thrown in, like the ballast sand-bags! For this purpose, I will simply relate how a beautiful young lady and an elegant young gentleman (well known in the world of fashion) met for the first time in a balloon; but, lest my narration may seem too extraordinary for belief, I mean to avoid all responsibility by saying "I dreamt."

In the early part of the first week in October, 1836, then, I dreamt that Mr Green's extra-extraordinarily large balloon was to ascend from Vauxhall Gardens; and the eventful morning wore a determined appearance, intimating that the balloon had better not go up, because the rain wished to come down. But who ever talks even of the weather, in England? In defiance of the rain, I, and upwards of a thousand equally sensible individuals, assembled at the Gardens, about five o'clock, to witness this grand specimen of inflation, aerostation, and gyration; at which hour "places had been booked inside" for four individuals besides the Messrs Green.

The silk was inflated, the car attached, the German Baron and Baroness T—t, and two gentlemen, seated therein; Mr Green, after casting around the *lasciate-ogni-speranza* look of a desponding *conducteur d'omnibus*, as he relinquished his last hope of discovering one more five-and-twenty-guinea passenger to complete his fare, had just decided to leave mother earth, when a slight stir appeared among the bystanders, and a youthful female, of prepossessing and ladylike appearance, advanced eagerly through the crowd, as though fearful of being "too late for her place."

Having expressed to Mr Green her desire to join the party going in the balloon, that gentleman evinced his great satisfaction at the circumstance, delicately hinting, at the same time, the "preliminary step" of paying twenty-five guineas. For this the young lady seemed fully prepared, as she instantly placed the required amount in his hands, and stepped gracefully into the car, which now contained its full complement.

The age of the fair heroine did not exceed nineteen summers; her countenance was interesting, her dress presented an appearance of simple elegance such as is usual among gentle-

women; and although she appeared quite alone, not a look or movement rendered her respectability questionable, notwithstanding her most singular intention. Nothing can describe the sensation caused by the enterprising choice of such a modest-looking person; and many gay and gallant hearts wished themselves in the place of the Messrs Green, or of the two gentlemanly individuals, or of the steady German Baron and Baroness, who were to bear the fair creature company to the skies.

One group especially, consisting of three gentlemen, seemed to evince a particular degree of interest in the event; and they bore (in my dream) the semblance of the Earl of C—t—y, the Hon. T. C—y, and Capt. O—e of B—square. They seemed to feel the most chivalric regret that the fair aeronaut should go unattended; and at length the gallant Captain O—, in the true spirit of knight-errantry, stepped forward and volunteered to become one of the adventurous party.

While settling the "preliminary step" with Mr Green, Captain O— endeavoured to elicit from him some information respecting the young lady; but all the intelligence he could gather was, that her name was Miss A—n, that she had come to the Gardens in a private carriage, and had given her coachman orders to wait at the entrance until he saw the balloon rise; then he was to drive off, and follow as much as possible the direction it seemed to take. This order was more easily given than executed in the clouds, as the coachman ultimately found even with high-trotting horses!

One of the professional aeronauts having relinquished his place, so that Captain O— might find room for his adventure, the balloon rose majestically, despite the rain, and after hesitating on its course, at length decided it, leaving Vauxhall Gardens and its thousand pair of upturned eyes, Miss A—n's puzzled coachman and the high-trotting horses, in the little world below.

The varieties of prospect, and the alternations of good and bad weather, gratified our travellers according to their different degrees of enthusiasm; the steady German Baron felt pleased, Miss A—n enraptured! At one time a gleam of sunshine would brighten her new friend's large dark eyes, while in the next moment a friendly cloud, brimful of rain, gave them an expressive softness. Thus they went on, in sunshine and rain, like a courtship in April, until the shades of night thought proper to descend. So also did Mr Green; and then the rain determined not to be left behind, so it descended likewise—not in the

ordinary colander, or shower-bath fashion, but in fountains, waterspouts, Niagaras!

There was a world of labour and trouble in pushing about the sand-bags, letting the gas escape, and I cannot tell how many more scientific manœuvres, until at length the party safely landed, completely drenched with rain, in a ploughed, inundated field. No sign of human habitation was within their horizon; they tried in several directions, and at length discovered the high road, which, after a dreary walk of three long miles, conducted them to Uxbridge.

The Baron and Baroness T—t very wisely sought the comfort of their rooms for the night, with a large fire; the Messrs Green and the two gentlemen started off together for town; so that none remained unprovided for, except the heroic Miss A—n, and the chivalrous Capt. O—, to whom, in departing, Mr Green had said, by way of consolation, "You see, sir, this undertaking was not fit for a lady!"

Captain O— felt the sad truth of this valediction as he looked at his dripping companion: clinging, wet silk stockings, and muddy satin shoes, clothed her feet; so his heart prompted the necessity of changing them for others not quite so damp. Accordingly they sought out a shop where "*chaussures des dames*" were sold; which they entered, and related their adventures.

"I know not whether the Uxbridge shopkeepers are noted for being credulous (perhaps they fancied it was a dream!) but the young lady found shoes and stockings, and several other elegant adjuncts of the female toilette, there: in these the woman of the house helped to array her; while Captain O— procured a chaise, in which, after a most agreeable *tête-à-tête* of fifteen miles, he conveyed the fair traveller to her friends, according to the address she gave him.

The following day, as in duty bound, he called to make enquiries after the health of his late *compagnon de voyage*; and he found her family living in a respectable, well-appointed house, not one hundred miles from Oxford street.

Miss A—n's father and mother were indignant beyond description at the "flight," of which they had had no intimation until her return, as she had taken out the carriage under the excuse of shopping. But they were most grateful to Captain O— for the considerate care he had bestowed on the youthful object of their wrath, whom he was not then enabled to see, as, from the combined effects of terror, rain, scolding, fatigue, and varieties of atmosphere, Miss A—n has ever since been confined to her bed.

Did all this really happen the week before last? Or is it merely the dream of L.

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THREE APOSTROPHES TO THE
AERONAUTS.
Nov. 12
1836 (FOR THE PRESENT PERIOD.)
Oh! Mr Green,
Crosser of "azure main," and skimmer of "sky-blue!"
Was ever mortal seen
In car triumphal, loftier than you?
Talk of sky-blue! thou'lt reach the milky way,
Then evermore we'll put thy name "in stars;"
Thou iron-hearted man! midnight and twilight grey
To thy high "mettle" are but feeble bars!
And we, like cats i' the dark, do prow! about
To find you out o' nights,
While you amuse our hopes by hanging out
Gas lights!
Are the fruits, gather'd from exploits like these,
Won with less danger than the Hesperides?
We only hear that now and then you find
Some "currents" to your mind!
Metals may be corroded—
Fashions and colours change from year to year—
But never let us changing mortals hear
That Green, or his Balloon's, exploded!

Oh! Mr Mason,
The Music of the Spheres was thy attrition,
To take thro' "fleecey" clouds an expedition,
Somewhat like Jason;
Who was attracted to the golden fleece,
By strange attrition—"Greece!"
What a strange Mason thou must be to build
Thy fame upon a Car,—thy glory
Upon a giant bubble—vapour fill'd!
Where's the foundation of thy lofty story?

Oh! Mr Holland
Another "flying Dutchman" o'er the wave!
Must thou have added to thy name—"the brave,"
Like famous Roland!
Unlike the former sprite,
A spirit, like to Holland's, seen afar
Shall cheer the heart of every tar
In stormiest night!
'Tis a main chance
In crossing o'er the Main,
That missing France,
Holland shall pounce on Belgium once again!
But pray, good Holland, let's have no more slaughter,
And Ocean-spirits guard thy spirit from—the Water!
E. L. J.

THE BALLOON.—*** Yet is this all to be done? Are the powers of this great machine to be wasted for ever on a holiday show? On dropping Dukes of Brunswick out and taking Cockneys in? On gathering guineas into the pocket of the future Mr. Grahams, and putting their future wives wide and wild between the sky and the earth? Are we never to have the power of traversing the deserts of the south, the forests of the west, and the snows of the north, without the slow travel, the long labour, and the torturing disease? Are we never to have the means of varying our climate without passing from our own land; of shooting up from the fervours of a feverish summer into regions where no cloud intercepts the sun, and yet where eternal freshness reigns? Of meeting the morning, not in the mists of our heavy capitals, but in the rosy lights of the ethereal Aurora? Of resting above the mountains, and looking down with philosophic delight on the infinite variety of form, life, and beauty below? Of sailing in our meteor-ship among the world of meteors, and floating among the golden and vermillion canopies of that "great sultan," the sun, as he slumbers on the west? What a vast, various, and lovely increase to the enjoyments, the knowledge, and the social affections of man would be given by this power of rapid transit, beyond all the harsh restraints of human domination, the difficulties of space, and almost the expenditure of time! *** It is scarcely possible to conceive that so fine an invention as the balloon would have been placed in our hands to be forever worthless; to tempt us by its apparent powers, and to disappoint us by its real inutility.—Blackwood's Magazine, Nov. 1836

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A TRIP IN THE MONSTER BALLOON.

An Original Comic Song, written by J. Thomas, and sung at all the London Concerts with great applause.

Air—"The Balliffs are coming"
Oh, have you not heard of this monster balloon,
That means to take passengers up to the moon;
If not, I'll describe as it now is my theme,
The joys of a trip in this monster machine,
I thought I'd see, as the wonder was new,
Of friends, I'd endeavour to rally a few;
So all on us mustered one Monday at noon,
To join in a trip in this monster balloon,
Sam Veller, and I, and old Timothy Scroggs,
Bedecked as we were in our holiday togs,
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Together with charming Miss Barbara Boon,
All met for a trip in this monster balloon.

Our party was large so we started in fives,
At Vauxhall in werry good time we arrives,
Tho' when we first started our joy was in bloom,
Now horrid to state it was turned into gloom,
The moment we saw this enormous machine,
The far-est eyesight that ever was seen;
Mrs. B. tumbled off in a horrible swoon,
At the werry first sight of the monster balloon.
Sam Veller and I, &c.

At length Mrs. B. the dear creature revived,
To stide her feelings we all on us tried,

Dec. 30, 1836 THEATRES.

DRURY LANE.—The "ryght pithy, pleasant and merie comedie, intituled *Gammer Gurton Needle*," formed the peg whereon the pantomime is at this house hung. The characters in t prelude are for the most part those of the comedy; the *Gammer*, the *Bedlam*, *Dame Chat* *Dr Ratte*, and *Hodge*, are legitimate actors on t scene, to which are added some others, to gi the pantomime its necessary features of love a hate, the great first causes of *Harlequin*, *Colu bine*, *Clown*, and *Pantaloon*.

hit in the piece. The scenic attractions centre chiefly in the Aeronautikon, or view from the "Monster Balloon," in the journey so recently performed. Mr Green appears in appropriate vernal costume—Mr Holland, as a Dutchman, with a long pipe and wide "blistered breeches," and Mr Monek Mason in the guise of a Benedictine. The balloon ascends a few feet above the stage, where it remains stationary, and the scenery, with a downward rotatory motion, passes beneath it. The flight beginning at Vauxhall, shows the track of the aeronauts over London, the Thames, Rochester, Dover, and across the Channel. It is then lost in night, and by day-break re-appears above Cologne, which is very faithfully given, as are the well-known scenes upon the Rhine, the Giehen Gebirgen, Drachenfels, Coblenz, Ehrenbreitstein, Guttenfels, Bacharach, the Pfalz, and all those interesting spots so well known to tourists. By a slight poetical license, the course of the balloon varies from history and descends at Mayence, where the view of the city and the Dom Kirche is exquisitely painted. Mr Blackmore made one of those terrific ascents from the stage to the gallery, and the backward descent, on the tight-rope, in seeing which we scarcely knew which to fear for most, the "intrepid" funambulist, or the expectant Pitties, whose danger seems equally near. The fire-works, which blazed around Mr Blackmore, were a brilliant, but not his only reward for the daring attempt, which was universally applauded. Of the pantomimic characters, we have only to say that Mr Matthews is unquestionably an excellent *Clown*, Mr Sutton a most enduring *Pantaloon*, Mr Howell an agile *Harlequin*, and when Miss Fairbrother has had more practice—for it is her first attempt—she will be an accomplished *Colombine*. The pantomime is worth seeing.

We tried werry sternly, her mind to persuade,
Till terior no longer her soul did invade.
So after much fuss in the car being stowed,
The weather was fine, and the wind gently
blowed,
Ve trembled vith fear, but the cheers of the
crowds,
Enlightened our hearts as we tripped to the
clouds. Sam Veller and I, &c.

Our feelings that moment I cannot express'
We all on us felt in such dreadful distress;
Sam Veller he bawled, and wowed he'd not
go,
However I laughed just my valor to show.
It wasn't no use for to think of our plight,
For 'ere we could speak we were all out of
sight;
So I made myself safe round the waist of
Miss Boon,
And told her the sights we should see in the
moon. Sam Veller and I, &c.

As soon as we got out o'sight of the tiles,
The distance I think about three or four
miles;
Tim Twitter began for to want to come
back,
And so he returned rather speedy, alack.
He peeped from the side for to look down
below,
But whether from fright, or his wish I don't
know;
We all were alarmed by a shriek from Miss
Boon,
He'd suddenly quitted the monster balloon.
Sam Veller and I, &c.

Our terror this moment you cannot surmise.
Ve gazed at each other in ardent surprise;
While fearful forebodings our bosoms did
crowd,
Ve suddenly stopped in the midst of a cloud.
Oh, then for to pictur our feelings oh dear!
The ladies with symtoms of fainting and
fear,
Ve couldn't descend or go up I declare
So firm was the monster secured in the air.
Sam Veller and I, &c.

At length ve bemoaned in a sorrowful strain,
Ve thought that the earth ve'd ne'er visit
again;
So made up our minds that our doom it was
sealed,
As no one was near who protection could
yield.
But after three hours ve'd there been injured
The horriddest time that ve ever endured;
Ve slowly came down, and Miss Barbara
Boon,
Declared that she'd never more visit the
moon.

Sam Veller and I, and old Timothy
Scroggs,
Bedecked as ve were in our holiday
togs;
With little Tim Twitter, and Barbara
Boon,
All wowed that ve'd never more visit
the moon.

Under the Especial Patronage of His Majesty,
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
ONE MORE ASCENT OF THE VAUXHALL ROYAL BALLOON,
On Thursday next, October 6, 1836.
The Proprietors beg to announce another Ascent of the Vauxhall Royal Balloon, which, on account of the advanced period of the season, will most probably be the last until next spring.—Doors open at One o'Clock. Admission, 2s. 6d.
Further particulars in due course.

Under the Especial Patronage of His Majesty,
Royal Gardens, Vauxhall.
ANOTHER
ASCENT
OF
The Vauxhall
ROYAL
Balloon

Which ascended on September 21st, with Twelve Persons,
WILL TAKE PLACE
NEXT THURSDAY,
October 6, 1836, at THREE o'Clock.

The Proprietors of VAUXHALL beg to announce ANOTHER ASCENT of the NEW BALLOON, which, in consequence of the lateness of the Season, will most probably be the LAST, until next Spring.

The Balloon will be conducted by Mr. GREEN, being his 224th Aerial Voyage.

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MR. GREEN'S ACCOUNT OF THE FOURTH VOYAGE AND DESCENT OF THE VAUXHALL BALLOON. Oct. 7, 1836

In the account of my second ascent with the new balloon I remarked having seldom experienced such favourable weather as on that day, but yesterday unfortunately proved the contrary, for during the many years I have been in the habit of using balloons I never ascended in such an incessant fall of rain.

The clouded state of the atmosphere of yesterday was calculated in a much greater degree to astonish and delight those who have never made an aerial excursion than that of a bright and clear day, for although the view of the earth is much obscured, the passage through the masses of floating vapour rolling along, and adapting their waves to the undulations of the different currents, and the complete insulation of the machine from all other objects, renders the scene one of the most extraordinary that can be conceived.

The first layer of clouds was not more than 800 feet from the earth; this we soon passed through, and found another about 1,000 feet above us, and as we proceeded between the two, we were enabled at intervals to see the country through the open spaces in the lower one. Here the rain still fell in torrents, and although the balloon acted as a complete covering to the car, still the drops of water trickled down the silk from all sides, and meeting at the neck formed a large stream of water, falling of course into the centre of the car, and passing through the basket-work. By altering the direction of this stream, we were able to keep the ladies in a great measure free from its effects, who were, however, so completely engaged in admiring the wonderful scene around them, that they appeared little to heed the above inconvenience, or our precautions to obviate it. We now passed through two more layers of clouds, the upper one being 3,500 feet above the level of the sea as indicated by my barometer. It was from this layer that the wet was principally falling, for on arriving at its upper surface the rain had ceased.

There was still at a great altitude a sheet of clouds sufficient to exclude the sun's rays. To this I attribute the condensation of the vapours below in the form of rain, for the rays of heat being reflected by it, none could have much influence on the lower parts of the atmosphere, whose moisture, instead of existing in a highly expanded form, becomes in the partial absence of heat, and probably from a change in its electrical state, condensed into masses of vapour, the particles of which by their mutual attraction form drops of water. There are doubtless many unknown causes combining to produce these effects, but from numerous observations I believe the above statement to be nearly a correct one.

The netting, the sand-bags, and indeed every part of the apparatus, was completely saturated with water, which must have increased the weight by at least 400lb., and this of course augmenting every instant by the absorption of wet by our cloaks, &c., rendered an almost continual discharge of ballast necessary until we reached the dry atmosphere.

My companions, the ladies especially, wished much to surmount the upper sheet of clouds in order to witness the splendid effect produced by the light of the sun falling directly on it, but the great evaporation which must instantaneously have taken place from the whole machine would have caused us to ascend rapidly to a very great altitude, and have prevented our reaching terra firma before dark.

After a voyage of one hour and 20 minutes, we descended in the parish of Denham, in Buckinghamshire, about two miles north-west of Uxbridge (and 22 from Vauxhall), where we received the congratulations of numerous friends, who had witnessed my ascent from that town on the 6th of October, 1835, exactly one year previous.

C. GREEN.

Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, Oct. 7, 1836.

THE FOURTH ASCENT OF THE VAUXHALL ROYAL BALLOON. Oct. 6, 1836

Notwithstanding the state of the weather during the whole of Thursday, the proprietors determined to keep faith with the public, and at nine o'clock the inflation of the Royal balloon was commenced. On account of the enormous weight of water absorbed by the netting of the balloon, and the consequent pressure on the surface of the silk, the process occupied about half an hour more than on former occasions. There were not more than 1000 persons present, but the confidence created by the success and perfect safety of the three first ascents, appeared to have increased the ardour of amateur aeronauts. Early in the afternoon inquiries had been made regarding the vacant seats in the car, and at three o'clock six places were secured. Although the day was not at all favourable for the spectators, still it was one peculiarly well suited for the observation of what might be termed "balloon effects;" for it was most probable that, in less than ten minutes after quitting the earth, the aeronauts would find themselves in a brilliant sunshine, with a mass of floating vapour forming an imaginary earth immediately below them. The view of the earth must in a great measure have been obscured, thereby perfecting the illusion which has often been described by former aerial voyagers of their complete separation from all terrestrial associations. There appeared a dense mass of cloud hovering above the surrounding country, but the progress of the balloon made it evident to all that this apparent mass was merely a series of layers of floating vapours; for the machine was at one moment almost lost to the sight, and the next presented its clear outline to the beholders. The passengers were, Miss Anderson, the Baroness de Talbot, Mr. Back, the Hon. W. Talbot, Mr. Woodroffe, Capt. Ogle, Mr. Green, and his brother, making eight in all. The balloon took a westerly direction, giving to the aristocratic portion of the metropolis a view of its progress, the eastern part having hitherto been favoured by the aerial currents. This ascent appeared to create unusual interest, and a party was formed in the Gardens with the determination to await the return of the aeronauts. At a quarter past ten Mr. Green arrived at the Gardens, having effected a safe descent about two miles beyond Uxbridge. His companions expressed the utmost delight during the excursion, and the ladies were much astonished by the perfect ease and safety with which the descent was effected.

VAUXHALL BALLOON—On Thursday, notwithstanding the dreadful weather, the proprietors performed their promise to the public, and the public confidence in them was shown by the very numerous attendance to witness the inflation. At the appointed hour the balloon quitted the earth with the following party:—Capt. Ogle, of the Guards, Hon. W. Talbot, Baroness de Talbot, Mr. Woodroffe, and Miss Harrison; Mr. Green and his brother making up the number of eight individuals. Nothing could be better than the appearance and demeanour of the whole party as they ascended, particularly of the two ladies, who displayed an adventurous spirit and easy confidence in their novel situation, which called forth the unqualified admiration of all who witnessed it. The balloon took a north-westerly course, and came to the earth near Uxbridge. Several parties waited in the gardens till the return of the adventurers, who expressed themselves delighted. Oct. 6, 1836

EXPLOSION OF FIRE WORKS.—Messrs. Lee, of Vale-place, Hammersmith, proposed on the balloon ascent from Vauxhall, to fire a rocket at the moment of ascent, and they had placed a quantity of fire-works in a room, at some distance from a fire, to dry. William Young, aged fourteen, son of the foreman, went into the room with a parcel for his father, accompanied by a dog; the animal, it is supposed, knocked the stove over, and the fireworks caught and exploded. The poor boy was so dreadfully wounded that he died the same night, and the dog was found dead in the house. An inquest was held on Monday, when a juror inquired of Mr. Lee, whether, if the rocket were to have been fired at the moment of the balloon passing, he did not think it might have caused it to explode, when most probably the consequences might have proved far more disastrous than they have turned out. Mr. Lee replied, that from the height which the balloon must have attained previous to its having reached the premises he apprehended that there would have been no danger of a rocket hitting it. The jurymen said, that at any rate it would have been a most dangerous experiment. No further evidence being adduced, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," at the same time expressing a strong opinion of the highly dangerous as well as illegal character of such amusements. Oct. 12, 1836

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Commit their lives and souls to wind,
Or pay to gaze, and stay behind.
Vain worms despise their Maker's care,
And for presumptuous flights prepare
Balloons of various shape and size,
Above their proper sphere to rise.
The Infidel's balloon we meet—
Reason, inflated with conceit;
On winds of scepticism borne,
Till dash'd in death—in torment torn.
Free-will balloons rise every day,
As pride inflates them, well they may;
Their aerial course may thus be traced,
"Exalted self shall be abased."
The Pharisee's balloon is spread,
And he's suspended by a thread,
Over the awful gulph of hell!
When he'll alight there, who can tell!
New-light balloons some men invent,
That prophets' may make their ascent;
Inflated Irvingism thinks
To soar—evaporates, and sinks.
The worst balloons, of frightful size,
On winds of superstition rise—
Prepared at Rome—sent through the world,
Whence souls are to perdition hurld.
The world is but one vast balloon,
Inflated—gazed at—sinking soon;
And he who hath his portion there,
Will soon descend to dark despair!

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THE NEW GRAND BALLOON,

Which is to ascend this day (September the 21st, 1836,) from Vauxhall Gardens with Ten Persons.



ENGRAVED BY MR. W. C. WALKER, FROM A DRAWING MADE BY A GENTLEMAN WHO ASCENDED EXPRESSLY FOR "THE WEEKLY CHRONICLE."

This beautiful and stupendous balloon, which may, in truth, be styled the eighth wonder of the world, was constructed under the immediate superintendence of Mr. Green, to whom, on account of his great experience and success in aerostation (he having made 220 ascents), the proprietors, with the utmost confidence, intrusted the sole direction. The balloon is 157 feet in circumference, and the extreme height of the whole, when inflated, and with the car attached, eighty feet. It is formed of 2,000 yards of crimson and white silk, imported in the raw state from Italy, expressly for the purpose; and was dyed by Messrs. Jaques, and manufactured by Messrs. Soper, of Spitalfields. The method of uniting the gores (the invention of Mr. Green) is by a cement of such a tenacious nature, that when once dry, the joint becomes the strongest part. It contains 70,000 cubic feet of gas. The weight of atmospheric air, sufficient to inflate it, is about 5,346lbs.; and that of the same quantity of pure hydrogen gas, about 364lbs.; the machine would, consequently, if inflated with that gas, have an ascending power of 4,982lbs.; and allowing 700lbs. for the weight of silk and apparatus, and 362lbs. for ballast, would be capable of ascending with twenty-eight persons of the average weight of 140lbs. each. But Mr. Green, in his first experiments in aerostation, seeing the great expense, difficulty, and inconvenience of using pure hydrogen gas, conceived the possibility of substituting carburetted hydrogen, or coal-gas, such as is used for illumination; and proved the truth of his assertion by ascending with his balloon, inflated with it, from the Park, on the day of the coronation of his late Majesty, George IV. From that time the use of pure hydrogen has been almost, if not entirely, discontinued. The expense of generating it being six times greater than that of coal gas. The specific gravity of coal gas being considerably greater than that of hydrogen, it gives a balloon a much smaller ascending power; and the quality of coal used, and the methods employed by different gas companies in its manufacture are so various (the specific gravity having been found to vary from 340 to 790), that it is impossible to ascertain exactly what would be the power of a balloon inflated with it. It was, however, calculated that the new balloon will ascend with from eight to ten persons, besides ballast and apparatus; the power varying according to the quality of the gas, the state of the atmosphere, and a variety of causes. As a matter of curiosity, it may be stated, that the inflated silk will sustain an atmospheric pressure of 20,433,600lbs., or 9,122 tons. The net, which entirely envelopes the silk, is of hemp, and the car of basket-work; the grapple, or anchor, is of wrought iron, and will be attached to an elastic Indian rubber cord, from the factory of Mr. Sievier. This will prevent, in a very great measure, any sudden jerk in stopping the balloon in rough weather, whereby so many accidents have occurred.

When the necessary preparations for the ascent had been completed, and the passengers had taken their seats in the car, the balloon, under Mr. Green's direction, was allowed to rise some small distance, in order to try its buoyancy, when it was deemed prudent by that gentleman to discharge upwards of one-fifth of the inflating power, or about 15,000 cubic feet of gas, retaining an elevative power of 47,000 cubic feet. To this circumstance is to be ascribed the apparent smallness of the balloon to the distant spectators, and the absence of that regularity of form which is at all times to be remarked in an inflated body.

A calculation, made by several scientific gentlemen, after the ascent, has shown this result, that if the balloon be fully inflated with pure hydrogen gas, and not by carburetted or coal gas, as in ordinary cases, it will enable an elevation of fifteen miles in altitude.

The expense attendant upon an inflation with pure hydrogen would be at least 250*l.*, whilst that with coal gas is not more than between

70*l.* and 80*l.* We are, by the bye, at a loss to know why the company should charge so much more for the gas when supplied for the purposes of aerostation, than when furnished for the customary uses of lighting streets or shops. In the latter case the price, we believe, is 9*s.* per 1,000 feet, whilst in the former the demand is 20*s.* From the result of the experiment on Friday week, no doubt can exist but that if the balloon were to be inflated with pure hydrogen, with a sufficiently commodious car attached to it, it would possess such an elevative power, as would carry into the regions above fifty persons. It is intended by several of the leading scientific men, to enter into a subscription for the purpose of having the "Royal Vauxhall Balloon" inflated with pure hydrogen gas, in order that a number of them may go up, with a view of making some experiments.

The aeronauts, through Mr. Edwin Gye, give the following account of the trip:—The balloon, every thing being ready, at a quarter past six o'clock, left the earth at rather a rapid rate, at first taking a south-west direction; but almost immediately, meeting with another current of air, we were driven over Greenwich in a few minutes. At this time we had obtained an altitude of about a mile and three-quarters. We here crossed the Thames, and expected that we should again reach the land in the county of Essex, but we suddenly and almost instantaneously re-crossed the river, about a mile from Woolwich. By this time we had attained our greatest height; viz., two miles and a half. Here we soon entered another and a stronger current of air, and in a short time were opposite Gravesend, which, although it was dark, we recognised by means of the lights on the two piers.

We now thought of making our descent, which we accordingly commenced; but in consequence of our position, so nearly approaching to the river, it was not effected until we had almost reached the village of Cliffe, which is situated about nine miles from Gravesend, and five from Rochester. The landing took place in a grass field, two miles from this village, at twenty-five minutes before eight o'clock, after a passage of one hour and twenty minutes. We did not receive much assistance in our landing, on account of the darkness of the night (nor, indeed, was much required), as there were only three persons who observed us coming down. The balloon answered admirably; and, had it been required, would have taken up sixteen persons without the slightest difficulty.

All those who did go up were much delighted, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, with the voyage, and expressed an anxious desire to repeat their aerial trip.

The following account is from the pen of one of the travellers:—We rose at six o'clock. The ascent did not appear to me to be more rapid than on the two former occasions on which I have previously ascended. We took at first a south-easterly direction, but on rising higher we entered a current which carried us directly eastward, and remained on the Surrey side of the river until we found ourselves beyond Woolwich, when we crossed the river. We now crossed it five or six times successively, expecting all the time that we should ultimately descend in Essex. Having been up nearly an hour and a half, and the darkness increasing, we prepared for our descent, which took place gradually till we approached the earth at a common on the Kent side of the river, several miles below Gravesend. The grapnel, after catching once or twice ineffectually, at last took firm hold of some object, which the darkness prevented us from discovering. An accident now took place, which, had it not been perfectly calm, might have been productive of the most fatal consequences. The hoop to which the grapnel rope was attached snapped in two, which immediately disengaged the balloon from its fastening, and allowed it to drift along the common, leaving the grapnel

behind. Mr. Green instantly opened the valve, and the balloon, after drifting about a mile, was sufficiently emptied to render it stationary. A few minutes then elapsed before enough of the gas had escaped to allow the silk to rest upon the ground. We then, after rolling over one another, in a highly ludicrous manner, were enabled to leave the car in safety. We found we had landed on a furze common in the neighbourhood of Cliffe, about nine miles from Gravesend and five from Rochester. One of the party and myself immediately proceeded to Cliffe, whence, after sending assistance to our companions, we procured a cart to Gravesend, and thence posted to London, where we arrived at half past twelve o'clock, highly pleased with our aeronautic excursion. The ascending power was immense, and had not a large portion of the gas been allowed to escape before the ascent, I am of opinion that this balloon would have been capable of carrying twenty persons with ease to a considerable altitude. The magnificent scenery of the clouds, and of the metropolis (observed at intervals) presented an appearance of more than usual grandeur. Our greatest altitude was about two miles and a quarter; the barometer, which was at thirty inches on leaving the earth, fell below twenty-one inches. The cold was occasionally rather severe. In concluding this hurried narrative, I cannot but observe that, although the weakness of the hoop might have occasioned a fatal accident, I feel it due to Mr. Green to state that nothing could exceed his scientific and admirable management of this immense machine. Our party consisted of nine persons, including two ladies.

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mass of dark clouds which had frowned over London the whole of the day, and came into a glorious flood of glowing sunshine; the dark clouds rolled their heavy masses below us like a lowering sea, and, unlike the level appearance which they wear when seen from the earth, their entire altitude was visible in profile expanded into the most monstrous dimensions, chains of snow-white mountains wrought into fantastic forms, seemed as if they were tumbling headlong upon us. I never witnessed any thing comparable to this scene, even from the summits of the highest mountains: for from these the continuing chain is generally a great obstruction to the view, which after all is only partial; but here there was nothing to prevent the eye from ranging over the boundless expanse.

The feeling of absolute solitude is rarely experienced upon the earth; but in these regions, separated from all human associations, the soul might almost fancy it had passed the confines of the grave. Nature was entirely noiseless, even the wind was silent; therefore we gently floated along, and the lonely stillness was only interrupted by the progress of the car, and its colossal ball, which, self-propelled, seemed like a mighty eagle fluttering in the blue ether. Such were my feelings, when a voice on my left drawled out, "What a famous place to take a glass of grog and a cigar!"

I could have pitched the Goth out of the car.

By degrees it grew darker, and we commenced descending, but were several times obliged to throw out ballast in order to rise again, thus lessening the height and comparative velocity of the descent as easily as you would check the impetus of a horse or a boat.—In the mean time we dipped insensibly into a sea of dark cloud, which enveloped us in a thick veil, and through it the sun appeared like a misty moon.

The particulars of the descent it is unnecessary for me to state. Are they not written in *The Chronicle*, *The Herald*, and *The Times*? I will, therefore, conclude by saying, that, with Mr. Green for director, a voyage in a balloon is as safe as a journey out a stage-coach, provided you are not in too great a hurry to get out when the car first touches the ground, and do not allow accidents to disturb your serenity, as was the case with his Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick. It is also a point of etiquette in aerial voyages to see the ladies safe out *first*, and look to yourself afterwards.

I remain yours,

IN NUMBUS.

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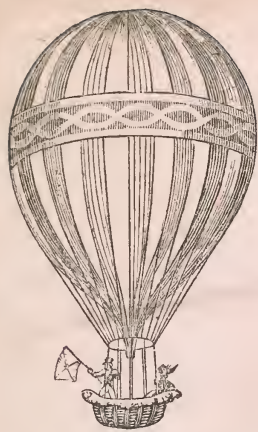
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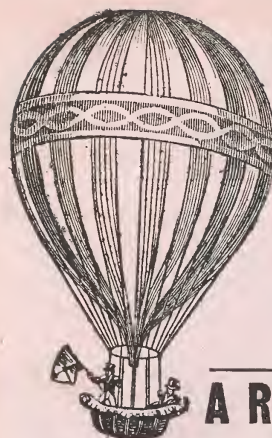
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 Songs—Glees—Favorite Overtures, &c. &c.
 Mons. JAVELIE, the First Tight Rope Dancer in the World,
 will perform.
 The celebrated RAVEL FAMILY will give their Ballet
 Pantomime of the "VOL AU VENT," and the Rotunda
 Theatre will be lighted as at night.

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 tains, Statues, &c.

The BAY OF NAPLES—PANATHENE—COSMORAMAS, &c. &c.
 with an unprecedented List.

QUADRILLE AND MILITARY BANDS will perform
 as usual.

Aug. 9. 1836

AEROSTATION.—Yesterday, a highly respectable and
 very large company, there being nearly 12,000 persons as-
 sembled, attended at Vauxhall-gardens for the purpose of
 witnessing the ascent of two balloons, between which, as
 stated in the bills, a race was to take place. There were
 present the Duke of Brunswick, Lord and Lady Burghersh,
 Lords Lyndhurst, Chesterfield, Lennox, &c.; Hon. G.
 Wombwell, Capt. Tollemache, Sir Frederick Madden, &c.
 After the usual routine of amusements, about half-past six
 o'clock, as the inflation of the balloons was completed, pre-
 parations were made for launching them. The aeronauts, as
 on the former occasion, were Mr. Green and Mr. W. Green.
 Shortly before the ascent, the Duke of Brunswick made
 application to accompany Mr. Green, but he had previously
 entered into an engagement with a gentleman of the name of
 Wrottesley, residing at Blackheath. At a few moments past
 the half-hour of six o'clock the balloons rose from the earth,
 and took a direction almost due west. One was elevated
 higher than the other, but this rapidly advanced, and was
 nearly coming in collision with the former, when a current of
 air gave it a retrograde motion. For a few minutes it was
 again born to the westward, which course they both continued
 till lost to view. The roads outside the gardens, and Vaux-
 hall-bridge, were crowded with people.

Aug. 21. 1836. ANNALS OF THE BALLOON.

Aerostation has latterly occupied so much attention, that it would
 not surprise us to find the suggestion of the whimsical fellow in the
 farce carried at last into effect, viz.—to contrive a halloon that should,
 by an ingenious plan, transport the aeronaut in twelve hours to
 the antipodes. The way in which this is to be effected is merely
 to suspend the balloon in the air while the earth is turning on its
 axis, and then to drop on the very point of our antipodes when the
 revolution has been completed!

The number of halloons that have ascended throughout the pre-
 sent season is much greater than during any similar period within
 our recollection; yet, except the mere personal circumstances
 connected with them, we do not find any facts worthy of especial
 record. We will reduce our memoranda to as brief a compass as
 possible, so that the passing facts may be connected with a learned
 history of aerostation.

On Tuesday week a race between two halloons was announced
 at Vauxhall Gardens. The credulous public assembled in multi-
 tudes to witness a feat that was likely to be quite as marvellous as
 that of the conjuror who undertook to walk into a quart bottle.
 But the interest of the scene was unexpectedly enhanced by the
 young Duke of Brunswick, who, excited perhaps by the example
 of the Marquis of Clanricarde in the previous week, applied to
 Mr. Green for a seat in the car. The places, however, in both
 balloons, had been previously engaged by a Mr. Wrottesley and a
 Mr. Collett. When the halloons left the earth they were borne
 westward until they went out of sight. At last they fell into a
 current from the north, which carried them about thirty miles in
 twenty minutes. In one of them, at their greatest elevation, about
 6,000 feet, the aeronaut started a pigeon. The bird at first gazed
 on the halloon, and appeared not at all alarmed. It then glanced
 towards the earth, when, being gently pushed from the car, it
 flew downwards.

The Duke of Brunswick, having been disappointed in his first
 application, subsequently appointed Tuesday last for another trial,
 when 20,000 persons assembled at the gardens, including some
 cabinet ministers and many persons of distinction. About six
 o'clock the Duke of Brunswick informed the proprietors that it
 was then his desire to take his seat, when he was told that, as the
 time of ascent had been advertised for seven o'clock, it was im-
 possible to alter the hour. The duke upon this declined to start at
 a later hour, observing that when he would have to descend it
 would be nearly dark. Two gentlemen then solicited the vacant
 seats, and the balloons ascended, one entering a current of air west
 by south, and the other west by north. Soon after, finding that
 both halloons were likely to come in collision, Mr. Green kept in
 the current nearer to the earth. His object, it appears, was to de-
 monstrate the existence of different currents in the air, and to show
 that in a high altitude there is a constant current from the north
 west. Last year, in following one current, he was up all night.
 In that excursion he descended to the earth four times. By a con-
 trivance which he has adopted, he states that he can remain sus-
 pended in the air for as many days as they could hours upon the
 old system. The highest altitude they gained was 6,000 feet, at
 which height they drank the health of the King and Queen, adding
 that of the Duke of Brunswick, with a wish that he might be more
 fortunate on the next occasion. One of these halloons descended
 at Charlton, in Kent, and the other on Plaistow marshes.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1836.

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THE DUKE'S "BREACH OF PROMISE."

AN Irish acquaintance has just remarked, that the principal event of the present week is one that did not happen at all. We conceive that he alludes to the Duke of Brunswick's promised ascent in Mr Green's balloon, from Vauxhall Gardens. When the Marquess of Clanricarde, a fortnight ago, made his first appearance in any car (thereby acquiring the designation of the most rising Nobleman of the day), we predicted that balloon-trips would become the favourite excursions of the season among the children of fashion, and that the higher classes would abandon the earth for the distinction of moving in still higher circles. But we were wrong. The Duke of Brunswick has, with equal boldness, set another example; and we presume that it will now become the fashion to decline going. This will be thought by many to be the more judicious and convenient fashion of the two. It is at the same time more calculated to procure people distinction on the score of strong nerves, and a reputation for moral courage. In saying that his Highness, by staying down, exhibited as much boldness as the Noble Marquess by going up, we hardly do him justice. If courage is only the fear of being accounted timid, then there is more intrepidity in remaining below among your disappointed fellow-creatures, and in risking the constructions they may choose to put upon your self-denial, than in jumping into the car at a given moment, without allowing yourself time to think of the consequences, and being hurried into the air at a risk exactly proportioned to the gratification of the spectators. Much "nerve" may be requisite to do this; but there is more heroism in declining the ascent when everybody is anxiously expecting it. A fine fame is to be gained, no doubt, by making the ascent; but give me, the sensible man will say, the glory of not going.

The Duke of Brunswick, however, had very serious intentions of taking leave of the earth last Tuesday, and would no doubt have been contented with exhibiting the more common kind of nerve, and acquiring the more vulgar species of fame, by fulfilling the engagement made with Mr Green, but for the reasons which he has assigned in the subjoined explanation:—"The Duke of Brunswick did not ascend in the balloon, much to his disappointment, in consequence of a failure in the promise of the proprietors of Vauxhall Gardens. His Highness having so early as on the 11th ult. desired that the ascent should take place at six o'clock, objecting to a later hour, from the descent being necessarily delayed until

dusk, which orders were by letter complied with.

The Duke seeing, upon the grounds, that his orders were departed from, and retaining his original intention, left the gardens at half-past six. His Highness cannot but feel offended that a private wish he has entertained should be made a matter of public spectacle."—Again we say that the glory of the day belongs less to Mr Green than to his illustrious non-companion. An aeronaut may, to be sure, with much propriety, be called "his Highness"—but not always "his Serene Highness;" and granting that he might be so entitled with justice, what honour had the Duke to gain in that respect of which he was not already the possessor? Had he ascended to the seventh heaven he could but have been his Highness; and had he performed the aerial voyage without one nervous sensation, could he have been more than Serene?

That his Highness, however, was in earnest in meditating the excursion, is proved not only by his own statement, but by the fact that some specific arrangements appertaining to the security of the car had actually been made—the sides having been somewhat heightened, and the interior fitted up with some fastenings which, if duly buckled round the waist, would have the infallible effect of preventing the most inexperienced aeronaut from unintentionally rivalling the renown of Phaeton by an unceremonious descent from the vehicle.

The Duke's breach of promise was fortunate for a less distinguished aspirant, who volunteered his company to Mr Green upon the spot. Many rumours were afloat in the world as to the name of the volunteer voyager. Mr Rice was popularly named—and thousands all at once jumped to the conclusion that Mr Spring Rice had actually ascended in the balloon for some inscrutable state purpose. This idea was dissipated by the announcement that the Duke's representative was Mr Rice, the American comedian, but this in turn proved incorrect; for Mr Rice, though sufficiently enthusiastic and enterprising, justly conceived that even the pleasure of risking life may be purchased at too dear a price; and he therefore declined hazarding his existence at a higher rate than fifteen pounds per hour.

ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.

GRAND
DAY FETE,

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1836.

RAVEL FAMILY,
Concert, Balloon, &c.

ADMISSION,
ONE SHILLING.

THE GARDENS having at an enormous expense, been entirely re-decorated and arranged in a style suitable for Day Entertainments, the Proprietors beg leave to announce that a grand DAY FETE will be given on TUESDAY, JULY 5.

THE NEW ITALIAN WALK, (800 Feet in length) ornamented with Classic Statues, Fountains, &c. will be thrown open.—This Promenade is allowed to surpass any thing of the kind in the Kingdom.

THE RAVEL FAMILY, who are engaged expressly for the Evening Galas, have been prevailed upon to give their celebrated Entertainments by Day; thereby affording those Visitors who cannot conveniently visit Vauxhall at Night, an opportunity of witnessing these extraordinary performances.

The ENTERTAINMENTS will be arranged as follows:

A CONCERT in the open Orchestra, including several Comic Songs, Duets, and Glee, by Messrs. ROBINSON, BEDFORD, STANSBURY, Miss FORDE, and Mr. BUCKINGHAM, who will give his IMITATIONS OF LONDON ACTORS;

THE DIORAMIC PICTURE of MONT BLANC, by Moonlight;

A QUADRILLE BAND of 24 Persons, directed by Mons. COLLINET;

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THE COLDSTREAM BAND;

VIEW of the VILLAGE of LAUFENBURG on the RHINE;

THE PANATHENE, or MUSICAL TEMPLE;

Extensive Picture,—THE CITY and BAY OF NAPLES;

THE ROTUNDA THEATRE will be illuminated as at Night, and the Ballet Pantomime "LE VOL AU VENT," will be performed by the whole of the RAVEL FAMILY.—Private Boxes may be engaged on application at the Gardens.

The Entertainments will conclude with

MR. GREEN'S ASCENT in his BALLOON

The First Time this Season from Vauxhall.

The Proprietors beg leave to state, that arrangements have been made for the Public to witness the process of the inflation of the Balloon, without the slightest crowding or inconvenience; and should the weather prove favourable, Mr. GREEN will make partial Ascents during the Afternoon, when any Lady or Gentleman may accompany him.

DOORS OPEN AT TWO O'CLOCK.

Admission, ONE SHILLING.

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY,
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GRAND FETE CHAMPETRE BY DAY,

NEXT TUESDAY, July 19, 1836.

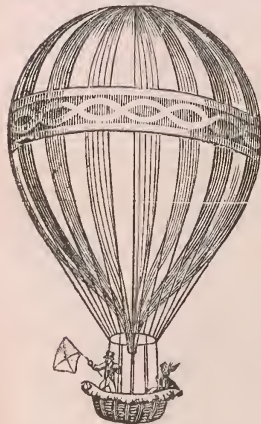
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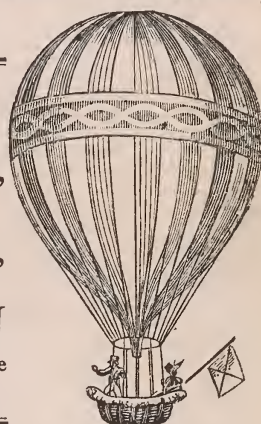
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NEXT SATURDAY, 23^d July,

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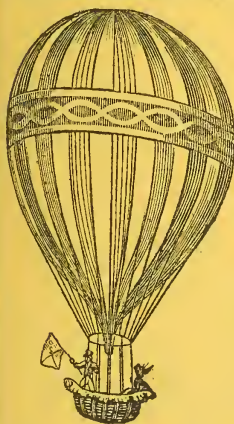
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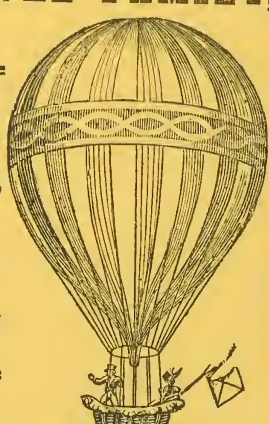
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THE BALLOON RACE, on Saturday, July 23, having been pronounced the most splendid sight ever witnessed, it will, by general desire, be repeated on TUESDAY NEXT, August 2, 1836. N. B. The Balloons will start exactly at Six o'Clock.

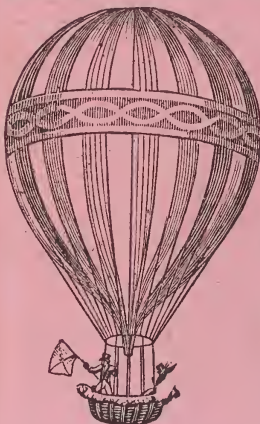
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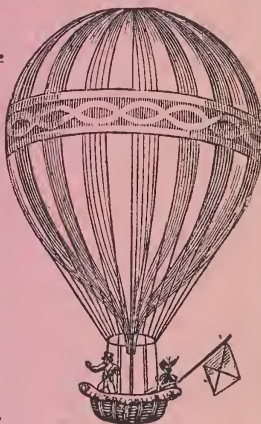
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Doors open at half-past eight; Admission 4s.
On Tuesday, a grand Fête Champetre by day will be given, on which occasion there will be a Race between two Balloons, both to start at the same moment. Mr. Green, the celebrated aeronaut, accompanied by Mrs. Green, will conduct the one, and Mr. W. Green, with Mrs. W. Green, the other. A Morning Concert—The Ravel Family's and M. Javelie's performance—The Quadrille and Coldstream Bands, etc. etc. will form a constant succession of amusements the whole afternoon. The Balloons will start exactly at six o'clock.
Doors open at Two; Admission 1s.

BALLOON ASCENT.—On Tuesday evening last Mr. C. Green, jun., accompanied by Mr. Charles Bray, of Coventry, ascended in his magnificent balloon, from a field belonging to Mr. Gulson, situate near the Gas Works. The day appointed for the ascent was Monday, but owing to that day being wet Mr. Green was obliged to postpone his excursion until the following evening. The aeronaut and his companion ascended from the ground in a beautiful manner, and nearly perpendicular. The balloon at first took a southerly direction, but after attaining the height of a few hundred yards, it entered upon a current from the south-east, bringing it back to nearly the point from which it started. Having for a considerable time continued in this position perfectly visible, to the great gratification of the assembled thousands, it gradually rose and entered into the upper range of clouds, through which it penetrated about two thousand feet. Owing to the intense cold, and a heavy fall of rain which literally filled the car of the balloon, Mr. Green lowered and descended from the clouds with considerable rapidity. His final descent was, however, impeded for a short time, by again entering another cloud not more than about twelve hundred feet from the earth. After the lapse of a short time he descended through it, and succeeded in finally reaching a field at Binley, a distance of about three miles from Coventry.

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BALLOON ASCENT.

Aug. 16. 1832. (From the Cumberland Packet.)
Mr. Green, the celebrated aeronaut, made an ascent at Lancaster on Thursday last, accompanied by R. C. Hildyard, Esq., barrister-at-law, and as Mr. Green's account of their aerial excursion is highly interesting, we subjoin it:—
“Owing to the force of the wind that prevailed during the morning of yesterday, I was prevented making my ascent at the time set forth in my announcements; but I flatter myself, judging from my individual exertions to give satisfaction, that that inconvenience was compensated by the several distinct views the spectators had of the balloon.
“On first rising, the course of the balloon was N.E. by N. in which it continued about two minutes, and then met with a current almost due west, carrying it about two miles south of Hornby, in the direction of Settle. When at the height of about half a mile, I directed my companion's attention to the extensive and beautiful Bay of Morecambe, which, from the temporary absence of the luminary of day, presented the appearance of a vast extent of uncultivated land, with which appearance my companion was highly pleased; in fact, to use his own expression, he was most agreeably surprised, anticipating, from what he had previously heard respecting aerial excursions, that vertigo, or some unpleasantry, would unquestionably ensue. We encountered several clouds, which partially obstructed our view of the earth; but after floating in unfathomable space for about 25 minutes, the earth was completely hid from our view, to the great gratification of my companion, who then availed himself of the opportunity of pledging to the health of all friends below (which pledge, I should suppose, would be confined to the terrestrial beings, with whom, but a few minutes before, we had been co-mingling). The view we had now to contemplate, was of the most exhilarating and enchanting description—whether we directed our attention to the bay we alluded to, to the beautiful ravine which encompassed the serpentine river; or indeed the boundless scene presented to us, on either side, all was chaste, and impregnated with a perfect consciousness of the wonders of that Power to whom we owe existence. At the expiration of fifty-six minutes, I gave my companion to understand that I should make preparations, if he were perfectly agreeable, for descending, as the country over which we were hovering was extremely favourable for that purpose; and he having, in the most gentlemanly manner acquiesced with my wish, I allowed a considerable quantity of gas to escape, and approached the earth with great rapidity; but from an improvement in the grappling-iron, as also in the balloon, which, after much trouble and expense, I have succeeded in converting into a machine of almost perfect safety, we effected a landing without the least inconvenience, in a fog field, on the estate of T. Ingleby, Esq., of Lawkland Hall. The field in which the descent took place is in the possession of Mr. Matthew Jackson, of Black Bank, in the parish of Clapham, to whom for his hospitality and kind treatment, my companion and self feel much obliged. The gentleman who ascended with me is Mr. R. C. Hildyard, barrister, of London.”
Such is the interesting account which Mr. Green has himself given of his last excursion, in which the balloon carried him and his companion nearly to Settle, in Yorkshire—a distance of 25 miles!

Aug. 20. 1832.
A Curiosity.—On Monday evening last, an elegant silk balloon, about the size of a hog's head, with the name of Green on it, descended on the farm of Mr. Jacob Smith, in Gosberton Fen, near Spalding; it was first discovered by a shepherd, who seeing so rare a sight amongst his master's flock, boncing about the ground, supposed it contained some living animal, of unknown species, and set his dog on it, but the animal not being able to arrest its progress, the shepherd commenced the work of destruction, belabouring it most unmercifully with his spital, whereby two holes were made, and the simpleton was nearly suffocated with the gas it contained.

Aug. 3. 1831.
MARLBOROUGH-STREET.
Yesterday two young men, who gave their names Harris and Chambers, were brought before Mr. Roe, the sitting Magistrate, charged with attempting to pick pockets in the Strand, during the confusion which prevailed when their Majesties were returning from the procession.
Harris was remanded till Thursday next, and Chambers was ordered to be sent to Coldbath-fields prison for three months, and kept to hard labour.
The celebrated Swiss Giantess, who was some time since exhibited in various parts of England, was charged with committing a most wanton and outrageous assault upon a poor diminutive man, who was not more than half her own height.
It appeared from the statement of the complainant, that on Monday evening he, with thousands of other individuals, was amusing himself with watching the progress through the air of Mr. Green's balloon. While he was thus occupied he received a blow, sufficient to fell an ox, right bang in his face. As soon as he had recovered from the astonishment occasioned by this assault, he looked round, in order to discover who had conferred this striking proof of affection upon him. Standing close to him he saw a female nearly seven feet high, and, from her menacing attitude, he saw at once to whom he was indebted for the blow, and was about to make some observations upon the matter, when the Giantess, who seems to have a perfect knowledge of the broad-sword exercise, wielded her parasol in a most offensive manner, and presently after dashed it into fifty pieces on the head of the unfortunate complainant. Upon inquiry being made into the cause of this extraordinary conduct, the Giantess said that a nasty bag which the complainant had under his arm had bedaubed her new silk dress, and ruined it for ever. While the complainant was talking to the Giantess, and threatening to punish her for her conduct, up came her protector, a mere dwarf to the lofty lady, and forthwith commenced punching and battering the complainant's head. They were both at length, however, taken into custody.
The lady excused her conduct by endeavouring to prove that the complainant had annoyed her very much by obstructing her view of the balloon; he had also spoiled her dress, and, in her rage, she could not help chastising him.
The protector of the giantess said, in his defence, that he had only done his duty in taking the part of a weak and helpless woman.
The prisoners were ordered to make the complainant some compensation in money for the assault they had committed upon him, and were then fined 5s. each for being drunk.

Aug. 2. 1834.
A small balloon was found by a shepherd boy in the manor of Priorsdale, near Alston, in Cumberland, a short time since, with a label attached to it, stating that it had been set off on the 2nd of June, at Rotterdam, by Mr. Green, the celebrated aeronaut.—*Newcastle Journal.*

Sep. 25. 1834.
On Thursday last, Mr. Green, the aeronaut, made a very successful ascent with his balloon, from Sunderland. About three o'clock, the balloon being completely inflated, Mr. Green, accompanied by a friend, entered the car; the pulleys were disengaged from the ground, and the balloon rose slowly, veering to the north, across the river Wear. The balloon rose majestically for about two miles, when it seemed to rest stationary for the space of about 15 minutes, between two currents of air, in contrary directions, the highest of which was from the N. W. It afterwards ascended a little higher, and was propelled seaward to the N.E. After being in the air for about an hour, the balloon gradually descended till the car touching the surface of the water it rose about 30 feet. It again descended, and the car (which is basket work, cased round the sides with oil cloth) floated on the surface, the balloon preserving an erect position. The descent was about three miles from the land. The current of the lower atmosphere bring from the S.E. the balloon drifted towards the land. After being in this situation for about 20 minutes, the crew of a Shields pilot coble pulled up, took Mr. Green on board, and made the grappling iron of the balloon fast to their boat. After being disengaged of this weight, the balloon rose about 30 yards, and being carried to the shore by a fair wind, the pilot boat was literally towed about three miles by it, without the use of oars or sails, and Mr. Green was landed in safety near Fresh Water Hole, a little to the southward of Shields.—*Sunderland Herald.*

Perilous Balloon Ascent.—On Monday last, Mr. Green commenced inflating his stupendous balloon in North Shields, for the purpose of making an ascent. About three o'clock the gas ceased to flow entirely, at which time the balloon was not sufficiently inflated to raise the aeronaut and his car. The intrepid voyager, however, rather than disappoint the numerous body of spectators who had assembled to witness his ascent, immediately slung himself in a cord, and, without either car, ballast, or grappling irons, essayed to ascend. But even then the buoyant power of the machine preponderated so little over the weight of the voyager, that it was incapable of rising more than a few yards, and it remained hovering over the heads of the spectators. In this predicament he was obliged to throw off his hat, when, with even that inconsiderable diminution of his weight, the balloon rose majestically above the town, to the altitude of above a mile. After remaining at this elevation for a short time, the balloon was observed to descend with such alarming rapidity as to excite great apprehensions for the personal safety of the aeronaut.—It eventually came down in a very deep part of the river Tyne, near Jarrow Slake—and such was the incredible velocity with which Mr. Green struck the water, that he was forced to the bottom (about 9½ feet), and stuck in the mud. Fortunately, however, he had in this perilous emergency, the presence of mind to retain his hold, and, on the balloon re-ascending, he was again brought to the surface. In this novel situation he was dragged through the water for about 15 minutes, when he was picked up by a boat, and safely brought to land, at Howden. Had Mr. Green alighted upon the land, he would, from the celerity of the descent, have inevitably been killed.—Mr. Green is the only aeronaut who ever attempted to ascend without a car, and this is the third time he has dispensed with that appendage to the aerial machine.—*Sunderland Herald.*

Nov. 17. 1834

ANOTHER BALLOON.—The Princess Victoria's birthday is to be celebrated at the Surrey Zoological Gardens by a grand fête, on which occasion the veteran aeronaut, Green, is to make his last ascent but one (being the 199th) accompanied by the well-known monkey, Jacopo, who is to descend in a parachute. *17th Aug. 1835*

July 20. 1835
Mr. Green, who on Monday completed his two hundredth aerial voyage, by ascending from the Surrey Zoological Gardens, remained in the air one hour and three quarters, and only reached the distance of Greenwich Park, where he descended at a quarter past 8 o'clock. He describes the ascent as one of the finest and most magnificent he ever made. On leaving the earth the balloon rose to the height of about 3,000 feet, when, not finding any current to carry him in an horizontal direction, he passed through the clouds, when the intense heat of the sun's rays acting on the balloon, caused it to rise with the rapidity of a rocket. After an absence of half an hour he again passed through the clouds, and became visible to the metropolis, as he describes, exactly over the same spot he had left. Having in vain tried to find a current to cross the river, he descended in a favourable part of Greenwich park, amidst a dense crowd of persons, from whom he experienced some difficulty in extricating himself and the balloon, as, in their desire to render him assistance, they were wrapping him up in the numerous folds of the silk. He arrived at the gardens about half-past 10 o'clock, amidst the cheers of the multitude.—Between six and seven o'clock on Wednesday evening Mr. Green again ascended from the Surrey Zoological Gardens, amidst the shouts of the assembled multitude. He was accompanied by a gentleman of the name of Jephson, who had been on a former occasion also his *compagnon de voyage*. The balloon took a westerly direction, and crossed the Thames. Having floated in the air for somewhat less than an hour, Mr. Green descended in the garden at Staines, in Middlesex, sixteen miles from London, in perfect safety. After taking some refreshment, the aeronauts left for the Zoological Gardens, where they arrived at a late hour.

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HIS
ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE GEORGE
OF CAMBRIDGE.

Mr. GREEN'S 200th. ASCENT.

A SPLENDID
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
AND
BALLOON ASCENT,
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
SURREY ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,
MONDAY 20th. & WEDNESDAY 22nd. JULY, 1835.

Ascents of the Visitors will be allowed, should the Weather permit.

A VARIETY OF AMUSEMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE.

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VAUXHALL

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 17.

DAY GALA.

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160 Feet long & 50 in height.
This WONDERFUL MACHINE will
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During the present Month.

Mr. GREEN
WILL MAKE HIS
LAST ASCENT
THIS SEASON,
IN HIS
New Balloon
At Five o'Clock.

CONCERT.
Diorama of Dovor and Calais.
Abdul Maza and his Real Birds.
COSMORAMAS.
AMSTERDAM.
CASCADES.
JUGGLER, &c. &c.

Mr. Green's balloon descended at five minutes past five o'clock on Monday afternoon, in the parish of Charlwood, twenty-nine miles from London, on a field called the Eight Acres, in the occupation of Mr. Morley. Mr. Green and his companion were received in the most hospitable manner by the worthy rector of the parish, the Rev. S. Porter, who kindly furnished horses to convey Mr. Green and his companion, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, who, Mr. Green states, showed greater confidence and self-possession than any of his previous companions, to the King's Head, at Horley, on the Brighton road, from whence the aeronauts proceeded yesterday morning for London.

Aug. 1. 1831

15 Aug. THE ATLAS.

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
A BRILLIANT GALA will take place next Monday, the 15th of August, in honour of the Birth-day of our gracious QUEEN.

The Proprietors acquaint the Public, that this interesting occasion has called forth all the energies and capabilities of the Royal Gardens, and a Fête to celebrate the Natal Day of our beloved Queen will be given, upon a scale of splendour equal to any Gala of the present or any former season.

THE PROMINENT FEATURES

Of the Gala are:—Most splendid and extra Illuminations—An appropriate Concert, in two Acts—A Night Ascent, by Mr. Green—Michael Boal's Chin Performances—Joc's Imitations of Birds, &c.—The Juggler—the Deceptive Illusions—Invisible Girl—Laughable Mirrors—Magic Telescopes, &c. &c. in the Rotunda—The View of Brighton, the English Picture, &c.—The two celebrated Views of the Liverpool Railway, appearing as large as nature—The beautiful Water-mill in motion—The Union Fire-works by the two Artists—The grand Representation of the New London Bridge, and a superb Water Scene. And to particularly mark this Anniversary.

MR. GREEN will make a NIGHT ASCENT from the Gardens, in the same BALLOON in which he ascended, in the presence of their Majesties, from London-bridge.

The nocturnal FIREWORKS will be the united efforts of both Southby and D'Ernst, for which they are paid a large sum extra; and the Grand Model of

THE NEW LONDON BRIDGE IN FIREWORKS

Will be exhibited in one blaze of splendour.

Doors open at Half-past Seven.—Admittance 4s.

22. Under the especial Patronage of His Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
The most interesting and Grand Night of the Season.
The Proprietors have the pleasure of announcing a SUPERB GALA in honour of the Anniversary of the Natal Day of His Majesty, the Royal Patron of Vauxhall Gardens; which auspicious event, of course, calls forth the united talent of this large establishment in all its departments, and the public may feel assured that the most ample justice will be done on this occasion, and that our Sovereign's Birth-day will be celebrated in every way to evince the gratitude of the Proprietors for the distinguished patronage conferred upon them by their Majesties. This interesting FETE will take place THIS EVENING, Monday, 22d August, and will be marked by the grandest Illuminations—the most superb Decorations—additional Entertainments—a double display of Fireworks by both the Artists, besides the usual routine of Amusements, which have so much delighted the visitors the whole season. In consequence of the unmixed gratification and astonishment excited by the intrepid and grand ascent last Monday, and the constant inquiries for a repetition, the Proprietors have no alternative, upon such a night as the present, but to afford the visitors every novelty and gratification within their power. Regardless, therefore, of the great expense naturally attendant on such a voyage, the Proprietors have again engaged Mr. Green, who will, on this occasion, make another Night Ascent in his magnificent Balloon, precisely at 10 o'clock, when the same facilities afforded on the former night will be given to the visitors to inspect this wonderful machine; and Mr. Green will, as before, ascend from the Gardens in the midst of the company. Any lady or gentleman wishing to occupy the vacant seat, may know the terms by applying at the Gardens. Doors open at half-past 7. Admittance 4s. The Gardens are open for four nights every week, viz. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

VAUXHALL.—The Gardens were last night crowded with a most respectable company to witness the celebration of his Majesty's natal day. Mr. Green made an ascent as on the occasion of the celebration last week of the Queen's birth-day. The balloon took a southerly direction, and descended in a short time in perfect safety within a mile and a half of Croydon, near to the residence of Madame Vestris, from whence Mr. Green instantly returned to the Gardens, where he arrived soon after 12, leaving the balloon in the care of his friend, Mr. Adams, who accompanied him. The fireworks were most bountifully supplied, and never afforded greater satisfaction, as did the singing, and the usual routine of amusements generally. Amongst the company we noticed the following distinguished persons:—Lords Castle-reagh, Templetown, W. Russell, and Alvanley; Marquis of Worcester, Col. Stanhope, Admiral Rodd, Sir T. Duncan, Gen. Grosvenor, and Colonels Jones and Trench.

Aug. 22. 1831

VAUXHALL.—The entertainments last night were in celebration of her Majesty's birth-day. The bill of fare was attractive, the weather beautiful, and, in consequence of both, the gardens fully and respectably crowded. The great attraction of the night was Mr. Green's ascent in the same balloon in which he ascended on the occasion of their Majesties opening London-bridge. The balloon was completely inflated by nine, and shortly before ten the bell was rung announcing its immediate departure into the aerial regions. The night was beautifully serene; not a breath of air was stirring; and Mr. G. Green, the son of the aeronaut, and his father, took their place in the car. By means of fire balls the machine was brilliantly illuminated, and young G. stood upon the edge of the car, as the balloon gradually ascended, waving a white flag, amidst the cheers of thousands. When the balloon had risen about a quarter of a mile from the earth, the aeronauts let off a blue light, which was suspended about 20 yards below the car, and as soon as one light was extinguished another was kindled, and these marked the track of the aerial voyagers for a considerable period. The balloon took first a south-western direction; but it soon entered another current of air, which carried it back again across the Thames. After the balloon ascent there was a grand display of fire-works and hydraulics. In the illuminations no expense was spared; the devices in honour of the occasion were tasteful and splendid. The fireworks and the illuminated representation of London Bridge excited general admiration; indeed nothing could be more perfect than the general entertainment. Dancing was kept up with much spirit till a late hour, and the company generally seemed unwilling to separate. It would be injustice not to mention with just praise the urbanity and attention of Mr. Simpson. The aeronauts, after being in the air above an hour and a half, and having twice crossed the Thames, descended at half-past eleven, in a field at Parson's-green, Fulham, where they received every assistance; at half-past two they arrived at the gardens, and were loudly cheered by the numerous company that still waited their return.

Aug. 16. 1831

VAUXHALL.—The Gardens were perhaps more crowded last night than on any previous occasion during the present season, the entertainments having been got up in honour of his Majesty's birth-day. The Gardens were illuminated with more than their usual splendour, and the fireworks were perfect triumphs in the pyrotechnic art. Mr. Green repeated his night ascent in his balloon, and its effect on first rising, illuminated as it was by a discharge of blue fire-works, was most grand and imposing. Considerable crowds assembled outside the gardens and in various parts of the town to witness the ascent, and the star-like lights falling as it were from the clouds. The concert, including the performances of Michael Boal, and numberless other attractions, conduced to render last night one of peculiar attraction, and the favourable state of the weather contributed no mean share to the general enjoyment.

23 Aug. 1831

On Monday, Mr. Green ascended from the yard of the Gas Works in the Manors, in Newcastle. He was accompanied by Major Callender. The day was somewhat dull, but the clouds were high, so that the aeronauts were seen for upwards of half an hour. When about half a mile high, Mr. Green let fly one of a couple of pigeons, which he took with him. The ascent was beautiful, and gave great satisfaction to the crowds who witnessed it.—Tyne Mercury. Sept 14 1831

Aug. 16. 1831 MARLBOROUGH-STREET.

THE BALLOON AND THE GIANTESSE.—The Swiss gigantesse was brought up on Tuesday, charged with assaulting a pigmy, who, she said in her defence, obstructed her view of the balloon. The complainant said, he was gazing upwards, with thousands so employed, after the flight of Mr. Green on Monday, when he received a blow, sufficient to fell an ox, from a female nearly seven feet high, to whose menacing attitude he was indebted for the blow. The gigantesse, who seemed to have a perfect knowledge of the broadsword exercise, wielded her parasol in a most offensive manner, and presently after dashed it into fifty pieces on the head of the unfortunate complainant, who, she said, had bedaubed her new silk dress, and ruined it for ever. While the complainant was talking to the gigantesse, up came her protector, and commenced punching and battering his head. They were both at length, however, taken into custody. The protector said, he was bound to stand up for a poor weak female. They were fined 5s. each, and dismissed.

Vauxhall Gardens—Balloon by Night.

On Monday week, at ten o'clock, p. m. Mr. Green and his son made an ascent from Vauxhall Gardens. The balloon ascended most majestically, almost close to the heads of the visitors in the gallery. As soon as he had cleared the trees and buildings he discharged some fire-works, which completely illuminated the balloon for a considerable time. It went in a north-west direction over Vauxhall bridge, and in a few minutes encountered a different current of air, bringing the aeronauts near to, and affording a complete view of the gardens, which they describe as strikingly effective, the illuminations, the orchestra, &c. being quite perceptible. At intervals Mr. Green amused himself by lighting large bodies of red and white fire, which were not only seen from the west end of the town, but caused multitudes to assemble at Islington, Highgate, &c. About half-past eleven they dropped near the ground at Battersea-rise, and again ascended a great height. In half an hour he threw out his grappling-irons when about 200 feet from the earth, and illuminated the atmosphere with red fire, which quickly brought persons to his assistance; they led the balloon gently to the ground, and Mr. G. and his son stepped out of their car at twelve o'clock. They crossed and re-crossed the Thames three times, having encountered several currents of air.

Aug. 1831

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Mr. GREEN'S

BALLOON ASCENT.

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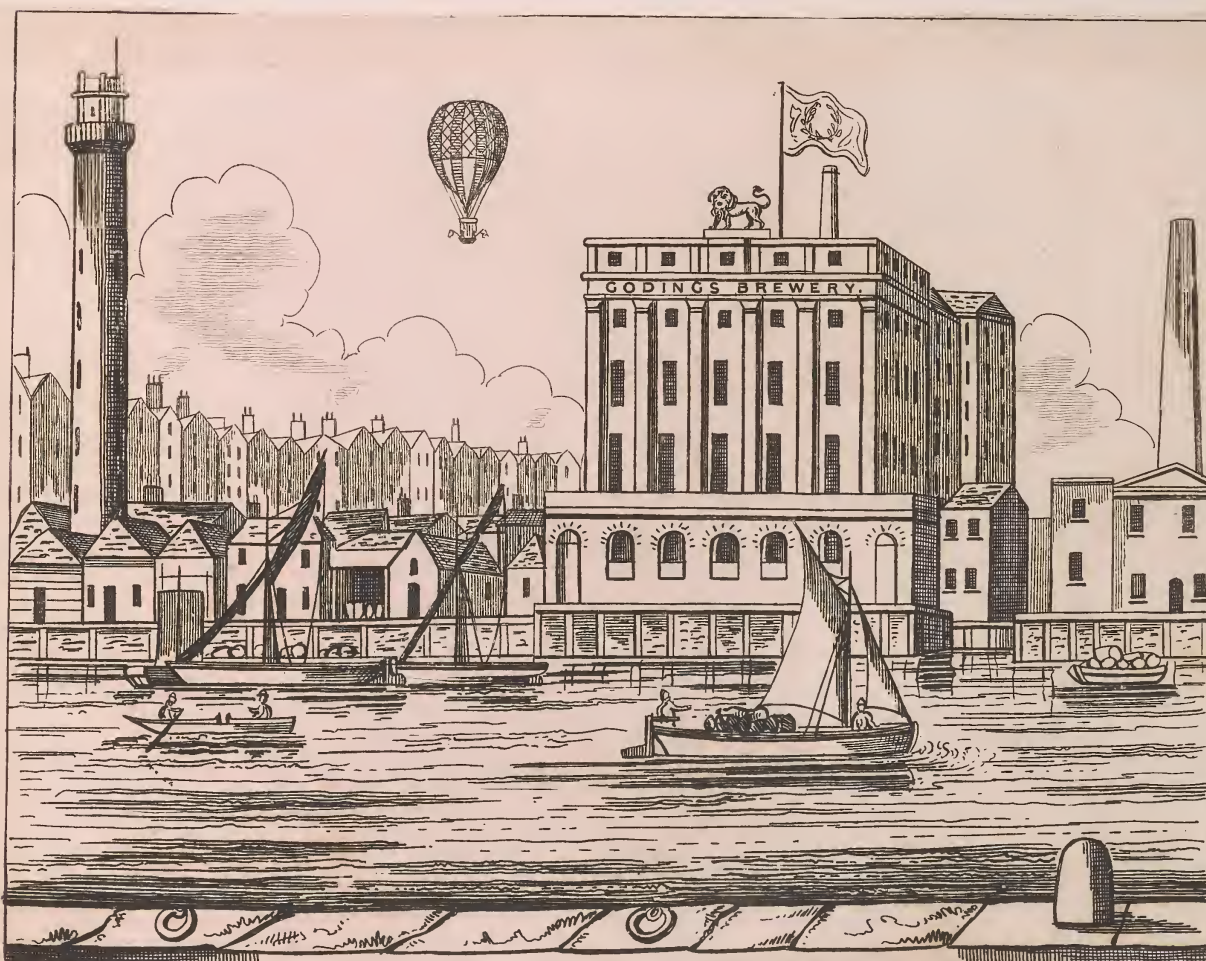
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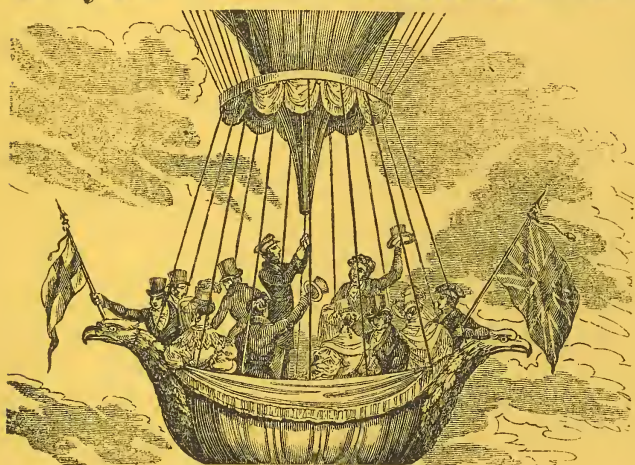
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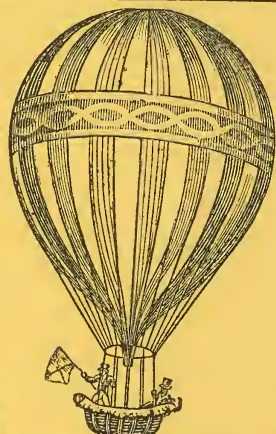
**GRAND
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FRIDAY, Aug. 25, 1837.**

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In order to render the arrangements of the day complete, several Entertainments will be given during the inflation of the Balloons; viz. a Vocal and Instrumental Concert in the Open Orchestra, with Comic Songs, Glees, &c. &c.—A Dramatic Piece, called "London Stars," in the Theatre—also, the Gladiator's Combat, by Messieurs De Ruse and Merveille—Military and Quadrille Bands, various Scenery, &c. &c. &c.

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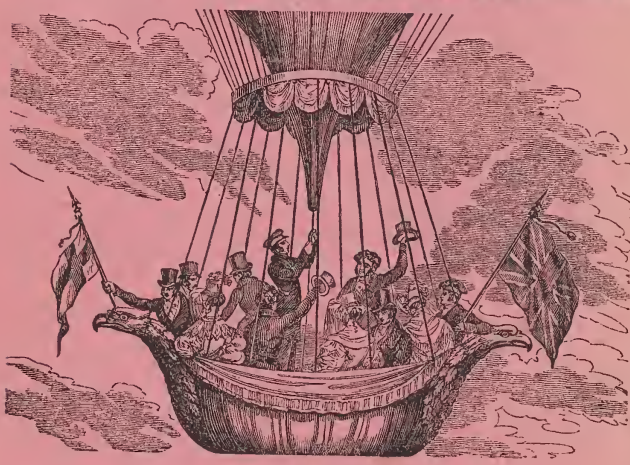
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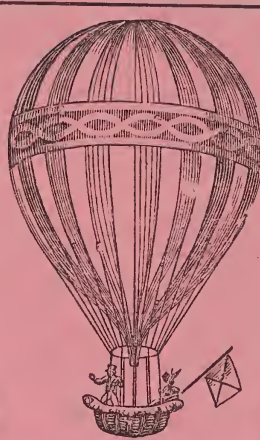
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ASCENT OF TWO BALLOONS FROM VAUXHALL GARDENS.

Herald 26 Aug 1837
Many circumstances yesterday combined to draw by far a greater number of visitors to Vauxhall on this occasion than upon any day or night fête during the season. The greatest attraction was of course the ascent of two balloons at the same instant, the proprietors having announced that in addition to the great Nassau balloon, another of the common dimensions, placed by its side, would be simultaneously launched into their proper element, thus affording the public the opportunity of comparing the sizes of the two balloons; certainly no better plan could be devised for showing off to advantage the gigantic proportions of the Nassau Balloon. Another powerful inducement unquestionably was, that the public calculated upon the liberality of the proprietors, for on two former occasions, the visitors were permitted, after the ascent, to be present without extra charge at the grand gala in the evening, to enjoy the illumination, music, fireworks, &c., and in this particular they were not disappointed, as a notice appeared to such effect early in the evening. About six o'clock a dense mass of visitors (of which a much greater proportion than usual were ladies) filled every avenue of the promenade which afforded a view of the ascent—for a long time previously every seat in the immense gallery from which the fireworks are seen was filled, and it contains, we understand, accommodation for 1,800 persons. About this period, Mr. Green, in the Nassau balloon was adjusting the weight, and comparing it with the ascending power, and we suppose the balloon was scarcely as buoyant as he expected, as two gentlemen left the car. All was at length ready, four gentlemen having previously booked their places, besides whom were Mr. Green, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. F. Gye; but the names of either of the other passengers we were unable to learn, as they were strangers even to the proprietors. Placed vis-a-vis with the Nassau balloon, was the pretty little machine in which Mr. G. had made 200

ascents, and the contrast to its elder sister excited great curiosity. In the car of the latter were seated Mrs. Green and Mr. H. Green. It was nearly half-past six when the band struck up the national anthem, and a signal gun having been fired, both the balloons quitted the earth at the same moment—the smaller, for the time taking the lead, but was soon overtaken and passed by the larger one. The ascending power of the Nassau balloon being scarcely equal to the weight it had to sustain, Mr. Green threw out some ballast, when it majestically entered as clear and beautiful an atmosphere as can be conceived. From the direction it took we should suppose that it passed over Highgate, inclining somewhat further to the eastward. The double ascent evidently gave the greatest satisfaction to the assembled thousands—the proprietors also seem well satisfied with the success of the experiment, as they have announced its repetition next week. The streets in the vicinity of the gardens, and, indeed, in every place where it was probable that a sight could be obtained, were crowded to excess; in fact, so intense was the anxiety to witness the departure of the balloons, that the roads were for a long time impassable. The company, we understood, amounted to upwards of 3,000 persons, most of whom remained for the evening entertainments, to which a great accession of new visitors was made at the opening of the doors at nine o'clock.

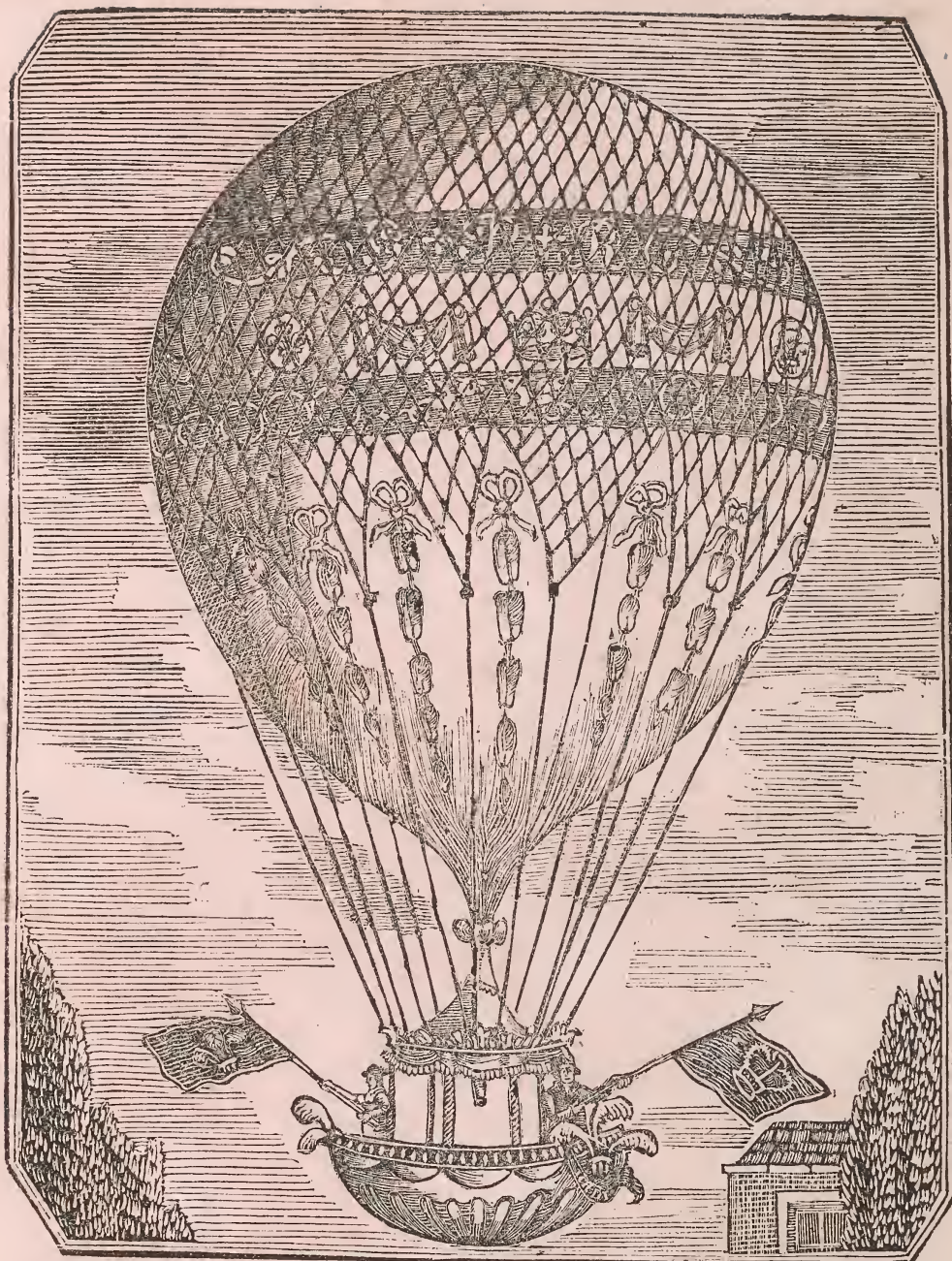
DESCENT OF THE TWO BALLOONS.—After a voyage of about 50 minutes, Mrs. and Mr. Henry Green effected a landing in a field in the parish of East Barnett, near Eversley Lodge, the seat of Charles Richardson, Esq. The only inconvenience they experienced was the loss, on the part of Mr. H. Green, of his bat. After packing up the balloon, they returned to town, and arrived at Vauxhall about 20 minutes before 12. Mr. Green descended, with his monster balloon, at Enfield Chase, about four miles from the spot where his wife made her descent, and some of the party returned to the gardens at 11 o'clock.

Notwithstanding the low price of admission, the King of Württemberg and suite honoured the Royal Gardens last night with their presence.

VAUXHALL GARDENS.

Herald 31 Aug 1837
It had been announced that the "monster" balloon and its comparatively diminutive companion, the old Vauxhall balloon, would ascend together from the "royal property" yesterday evening. The state of the weather up to 12 o'clock induced the proprietors to delay inflating these enormous machines till it was too late to make a commencement; the great quantity of gas required for the purpose, and the length of time requisite for the process being much greater than is generally known. Under these circumstances, to prevent the public from being disappointed, a notice was placed at the entrance-door of the gardens to inform all who were crowding to get in that the ascent was postponed till Monday next. The proprietors further gave notice that an entertainment was provided as a substitute, and a very numerous company availed themselves of the announcement and partook of the pleasures of the concert and the other festivities of the evening.

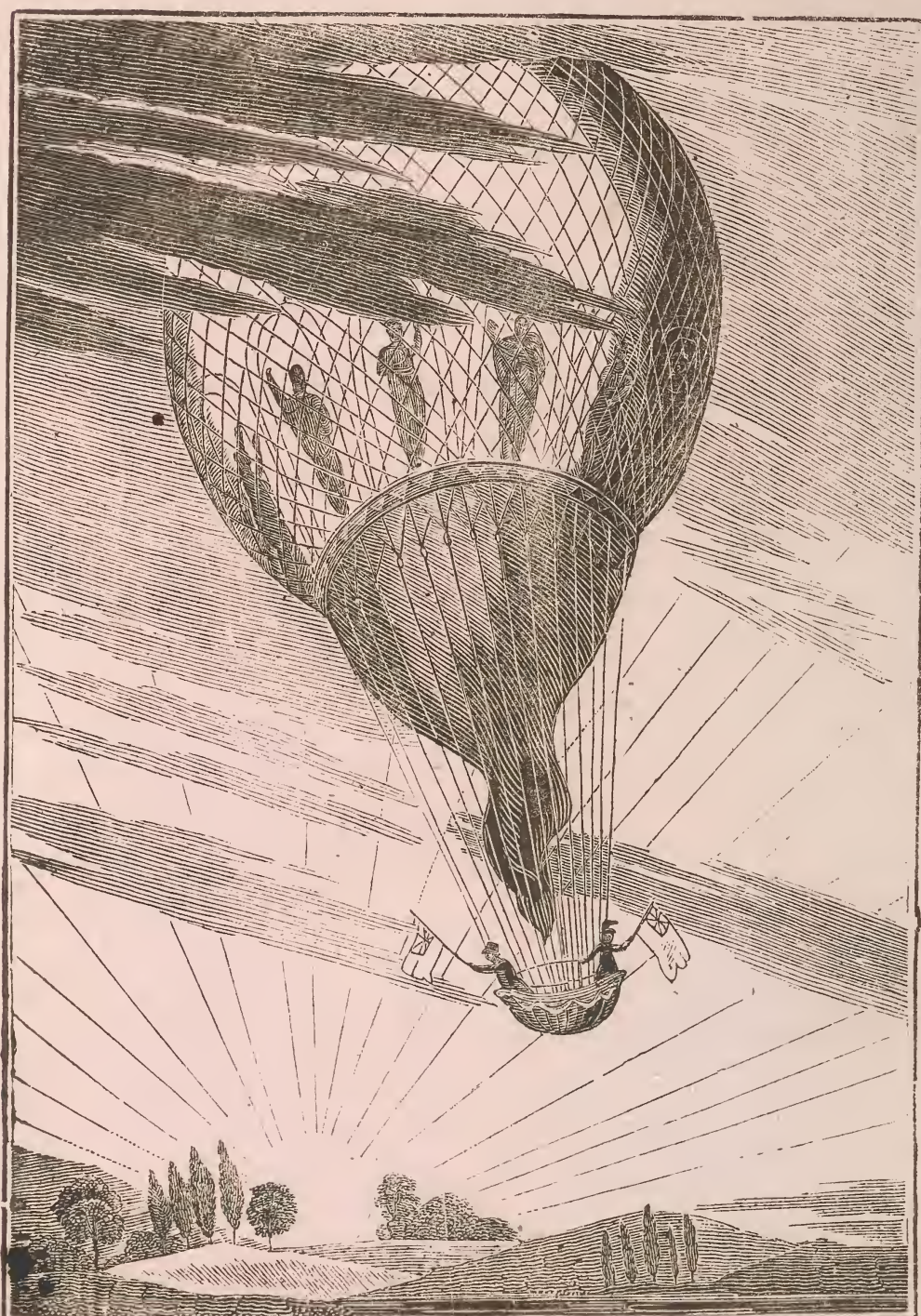
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EXPEDITIOUS TRAVELLING.—An architect of Clifton has invented an "aeronauf" upon a novel principle, having the advantage of horizontal propulsion, which gives a velocity of 50 or 60 miles per hour! The invention has been submitted to government for military purposes, and might be eminently useful for many other objects. Its form is simple and imposing, the dimensions rather exceeding the Great Nassau Balloon. The appearance altogether is grand and beautiful—the estimated cost about £1,200.



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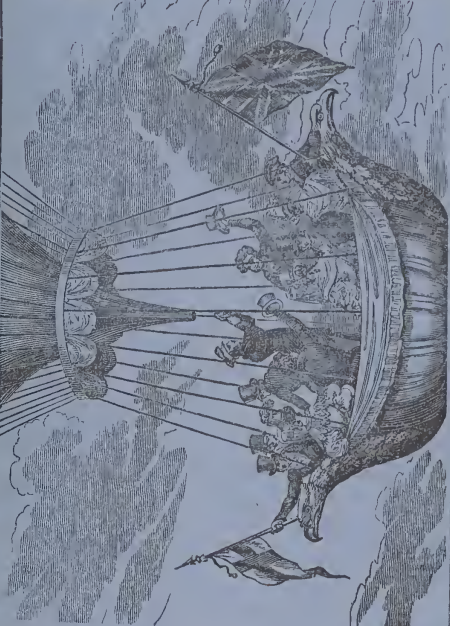


VAUXHALL.—ONE MORE DOUBLE ASCENT!

In consequence of the very unfavorable weather on Wednesday last, the Proprietors have determined on repeating this most interesting Exhibition; one unparalleled in the annals of Aerostation.

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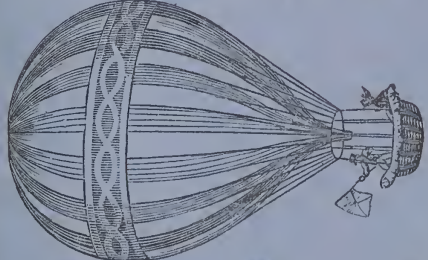
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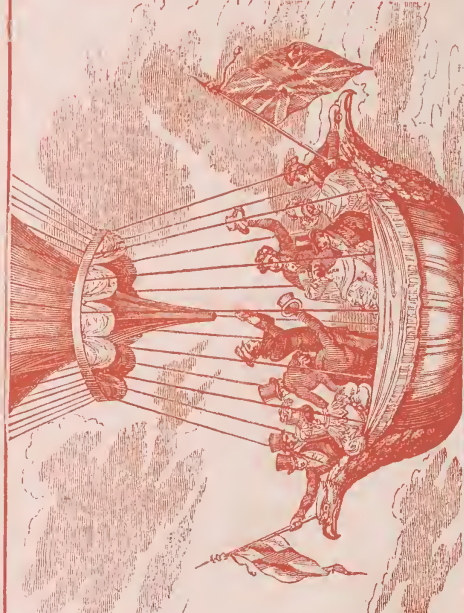
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VAUXHALL.—THE LAST DOUBLE ASCENT!

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ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL. Sept. 4
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ONE WEEK MORE.
The Proprietors beg to announce that the Gardens will remain Open Three Nights more, and that the present season will terminate with **THE GRAND GALAS.**
The Entertainments **THIS EVENING, Sept. 4,** will embrace the Concert, a Dramatic Piece, in which (by the kind permission of H. Webster, Esq.), Mrs. F. Matthews will perform, also Mr. Bedford and Mr. Buckingham. The wonderful Feats of the French Juggler, Mr. Sedgwick's solo on the Concertina. Grand Illuminations and Fireworks.—Doors open at Half-past Seven. Admission 1s.
NIGHT BALLOON ASCENT.
TO-MORROW, September 5, an **EVENING GALA**, on which occasion, in addition to all the above amusements, Mr. Green will make a **NIGHT ASCENT** in his Coronation Balloon, and when at a great altitude discharge a splendid piece of Fireworks. This will be the only night ascent this season. Doors open at half-past Seven. Ascent at 10. Admission 1s.

ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL. Sept. 5, 1859
(Under the Especial Patronage of her Majesty.)
LAST NIGHT BUT ONE.
THIS EVENING (Thursday), an EVENING GALA will take place with a great variety of amusements, in addition to which, Mr. Green will make his first and last **NIGHT ASCENT** this season in his Coronation Balloon, and when at a great altitude discharge a splendid piece of Fireworks. Doors open at half-past Seven. Ascent at Ten. Fireworks by d'Ernst at Half-past Ten. Admission, 1s 6d.
GRAND MASQUERADE.—LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.
TO-MORROW **EVENING (Friday)**, being the last night of the present season, a **GRAND MASQUERADE** will be given on a scale of great splendour.—Doors open at ten. Fireworks at Twelve. Ladies or Gentlemen 5s each.
Masks, Dresses, &c., can be had of Mr. Nathan, 18, Castle-street, Leicester-square; or at the Gardens, on the evening of the Masquerade.

ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL. Sept. 8
(Under the Especial Patronage of her Majesty.)
ONE WEEK MORE.
The Proprietors beg to announce that the Gardens will remain Open One Week more, and that the present season will terminate with **FOUR GRAND GALAS.**
The Entertainments **THIS EVENING, Sept. 8,** and To-morrow, Sept. 9, will embrace the Concert, a Dramatic Piece, in which (by the kind permission of H. Webster, Esq.), Mrs. F. Matthews will perform, also Mr. Bedford and Mr. Buckingham. The wonderful Feats of the French Juggler, Mr. Sedgwick's solo on the Concertina. Grand Illuminations and Fireworks.—Doors open at Half-past Seven. Admission 1s.
NIGHT BALLOON ASCENT.
On **THURSDAY, September 5,** an **EVENING GALA**, on which occasion, in addition to all the above amusements, Mr. Green will make a **NIGHT ASCENT** in his Coronation Balloon, and when at a great altitude discharge a splendid piece of Fireworks. This will be the only night ascent this season. Doors open at half-past Seven. Ascent at 10. Admission 1s.
MASQUERADE.
On **FRIDAY, Sept. 6,—LAST NIGHT of the SEASON—A GRAND MASQUERADE** will take place on an unusual scale of splendour. This being the Last Masquerade of the Season, the Proprietors have determined to make the price of admission to both Ladies and Gentlemen Five Shillings.

TO COMMEMORATE
**MR. C. GREEN'S
THIRD ASCENT**

FROM THE
CITY OF NORWICH,

October 14th, 1839,

Being the 274th Ascent

**Since the Coronation of George the Fourth,
JULY 19TH, 1821,**

On which occasion he proved the practicability of ascending with
CARBURETTED HYDROGEN, OR COAL GAS.

This Memorandum was dropped from the CORONATION BALLOON, Oct. 14th 1839,

BY HIS FRIEND AND COMPANION,

RICHARD CRAWSHAY.

JOHN STACY, PRINTER, OLD HAYMARKET, NORWICH.

BALLOON.

ASCENT of Mr. GREEN & Mr. CRAWSHAY

Till lately, the displays of aerostation in this city had "like angels visits" been "few and far between." But within the last month, as if to make amends, one balloon ascent has followed another in rapid succession; and to judge from the manifestations of popular excitement and satisfaction, the last aerial expedition has been as welcome here as the first.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst. that justly-celebrated aeronaut, Mr. Green, arrived in this neighbourhood on a visit to R. Crawshay, Esq. of Honingham, bringing with him his Coronation balloon, for the purpose of taking a flight in it with that gentleman, who we understand, had already accompanied him no less than five different times, in excursions of the same description. To avoid the least interference with Mr. Hampton's arrangements and interests, no preparation was made to carry this intention into effect till after Thursday last—from which period Mr. Green's balloon was at the Gas-works ready for filling, and the only thing wanted was a change in the wind. The direction preferred by the scientific, skilful, and experienced artist on this occasion was a south-westerly one—it being the object of himself and companion to reach Birmingham or some other midland spot, instead of following the north-easterly course to which the two preceding flights had both been subjected. The weathercocks, however, remained inflexibly nailed to the old point. And after waiting over Tuesday, the ascent was determined upon for the following afternoon (Wednesday). It took place about 35 minutes past three o'clock. The balloon, containing 25,000 feet of gas, was in admirable order, perfectly symmetrical, of a pear-shaped form, and thoroughly inflated—the gas once infused appearing to be hermetically sealed within it. From amidst a surrounding crowd of friends and other spectators assembled in the area of the works, the aeronaut rose in the finest style imaginable, clearing the hollow basin of encompassing heights, with a buoyant yet steady movement of perpendicularity, which augured most favourably of their vehicle's capability for a lofty and extended voyage. The balloon mounted nobly from the very first, and must have been almost instantly seen, not only by the nearest spectators, but also by those who were watching for its appearance, in the most distant quarters of the city and neighbourhood. Whilst passing over the arena from which they had started, Mr. Green and Mr. Crawshay waved two handsome flags, one of which was richly embroidered with Her Majesty's arms; and, amidst the responding shouts of the people, the latter gentleman flung down showers of small hand-bills, on pink paper, printed as follows:—

To Commemorate
MR. C. GREEN'S
Third Ascent from the City of Norwich,
Oct. 16, 1839,

Being the 274th Ascent since the Coronation of George IV,
July 19, 1821,
On which occasion he proved the practicability of ascending
with Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas.

This Memorandum was dropped from the Coronation
Balloon, Oct. 16, 1839,
By his Friend and Companion,
RICHARD CRAWSHAY.

Everything calculated to render an aerostatic exhibition imposing, interesting, and delightful, combined on this occasion—superb weather—a tranquil atmosphere without a cloud—an elegant balloon—a scientific navigator, and he associated with an equally intrepid and intelligent friend—his was incomparably the finest sight of the kind we have for some time witnessed. Owing to the designed omission of all public notification (it being a private affair), and the uncertainty of its occurrence, the number of persons assembled was not so great as at Mr. Hampton's ascents; but those who were fortunate enough to have a good view of this beautifully-managed balloon as it soared aloft, are not likely soon to forget so glorious a spectacle.—After a short interval, during which the balloon continued rapidly to ascend, a parachute with a cat in it was thrown out, which came down oscillating, and taking its own leisure time to reach the earth, or rather the branches of a tree, where it lodged with poor puss in the basket, at Catton. It was curious to observe, as with others we did, from the high grounds of Moushold, the balloon sometimes descending behind the pine woods, and presently afterwards rising again to view, and resuming a very high altitude. In this prosperous manner, we understand, the aerial voyagers proceeded till they closely approached the coast, when, not being provided with either gas or grub sufficient for Hudson's Bay, their descent was safely and pleasantly accomplished, in the parish of Trunch, near Mundesley, in a clover field on the estate of Mr. Primrose, not far from that gentleman's house, and within a mile of the sea. The greatest elevation attained in this instance was a mile and a half—the distance passed over, about 17 miles—the time occupied about 25 minutes.

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THE BALLOON.

On Wednesday, Mr. GREEN made his ascent from the Gas Works, under one of the most serene and cloudless atmospheres that ever shone. R. CRAWSHAY, Esq. was his companion; indeed it appears that the voyage was undertaken to gratify that gentleman. From this union there is likely to result a very important measure: namely, the construction of a balloon of experiment capable of almost any purpose to which it can be applied. Aerostation is certainly yet in its infancy, and true philosophy never doubts the possibility of useful improvement.

We understand that Mr. Green has, at the solicitation of a few of his staunch aeronautical and scientific friends, gratuitously consented to construct a powerful and splendid balloon, to be used solely for the purpose of scientific experiment and recreative amusement; and we have his authority to state that he would willingly with such a machine undertake a voyage from New York to Europe, thus at once putting to the test the duration of the power of a balloon when properly constructed, and furnished with every necessary appendage. We think with Mr. Monk Mason, who accompanied Mr. Green and Mr. Holland on the ever-memorable voyage from London to Wielburg, in Germany, that the earth's whole surface may at some not very distant day be traversed by a balloon.

Honingham Hall, Oct. 17th, 1839.

To the Editor of the Norwich Mercury.

MY DEAR SIR,

From the commencement of aerostation to the present day, it has been customary either for the Aeronaut himself or one of his companions to give some account of the excursion, and although there is nothing new to relate concerning the short, though delightful trip I took yesterday with our veteran and truly unrivalled Mr. C. Green, yet I feel inclined to record, through the medium of your widely circulated columns, the trifling facts as they occurred. It has long been my wish to make a distant inland journey from our city of Norwich, and my friend, Mr. Green, having kindly accommodated me with the use of his balloon, we commenced operations ten days since, but having been disappointed from time to time by the prevalence of adverse winds, we determined yesterday morning to avail ourselves of the fineness of the day, and abandon our original intention, we therefore commenced the inflation about twelve o'clock, and by the able direction of Mr. Tadman, Engineer of the Norwich Gas Works, this operation was speedily effected. The usual preparations and adjustment of the apparatus being accomplished, and 13 bags of ballast weighing 216 lbs. being taken in, we left the earth at fifteen minutes before four, taking a north easterly direction until we attained an elevation of 2300 feet, where (in accordance with the custom of the day) we liberated a small parachute containing a living animal, but as neither Mr. Green nor myself have very great confidence in this mode of descending, we selected one long notorious for having nine lives, which we are happy to say arrived in safety on terra firma, two miles from its native city.

The balloon now continuing rapidly to ascend until the barometer, which at starting stood at 30.20, had subsided to 23.5, indicating an elevation of 7593 feet, or one mile and 2313 feet. Our course at this period varied more to the East with increased velocity, and finding that we had already traversed more than half the distance between Norwich and the coast, we considered it prudent to commence our descent, in order to avail ourselves of the tranquil current we had left nearer the earth, and descending into it, we proceeded more northerly, and thus continued our course at an elevation of between five and seven hundred feet, until we approached within half a mile of the German Ocean, where we effected a landing in a clover layer, at ten minutes past five o'clock, on the estate of Wm. Primrose, Esq. in the parish of Trunch, three miles beyond North Walsham, and seventeen miles distant from Norwich, after a full short though highly delightful trip of one hour and twenty minutes. During the ascent the thermometer fluctuated from 58 to 65 deg. Fahrenheit.

Thus ended Mr. Green's two hundred and seventy-fifth ascent since his first, which took place from the Green Park, at the Coronation of George the Fourth, July 19, 1821, on which occasion he first demonstrated the practicability of ascending with carburetted hydrogen or coal gas.

I cannot conclude this short narrative without expressing our warmest thanks for the kind assistance and attention shewn to Mr. Green and myself by the gentry and peasantry in the neighbourhood of our descent.

I remain, my dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
RICHARD CRAWSHAY.

Sept 26 1870
ASCENT
 OF THE
NASSAU BALLOON

Thanks to that Prince of Aeronauts, Mr. Charles Green, and to his no less princely-spirited patron and friend, Richard Crawshay, Esq. the public of Norwich were on Thursday afternoon last, gratified with one of the most magnificent balloon ascents, that ever took place, from any spot, we will venture to say, since Aerostation was invented—certainly the finest we ourselves ever beheld.

The readers of this paper are already aware that the original intention of Mr. Green, in fixing on this city for the scene of his enterprise since he became proprietor of the Great Nassau Balloon, was to make thence, in company with as numerous a party as the Car would commodiously hold, the traverse of England in a south western direction. For the last fortnight that scientific and experienced Artist, after making all necessary preparations, has literally been "waiting for a wind." But the weathercocks have all the time been nailed as it were to exactly the wrong quarter; and despairing of any immediate change favourable to their cherished project of an inland voyage, Mr. Green and Mr. Crawshay determined to take advantage of at least sunny skies and calm weather, to inflate their "glorious orb," and take the chance of a longer or shorter voyage. Accordingly in pursuance of arrangements previously made with Mr. Tadman, engineer of the Norwich Gas Company's Works, (whose attention and skill on the occasion of last year had been particularly marked and meritorious), the process of filling commenced about nine o'clock on Thursday morning. The Balloon had been removed from the Corn Exchange Hall, to a spacious meadow bordering on the River near Bishopgate-bridge, where a main pipe for the conveyance of gas had been laid on from the works, and a neat *marquee* pitched as a repository for the apparatus, and the accommodation of the parties.

By half-past two, such progress had been made, that the buoyant power of the subtle fluid demanded a restraining strength of not less than sixty able bodied men, aided by several tons of iron weights, to hold on, & keep the cloud-aspiring colossus from escaping before its appointed time of departure. The quantity of gas required was estimated at between 70 and 80 thousand cubic feet, and this proved to agree with the quantity of 10,000 feet calculated to be infused into the balloon per hour; for by about half-past three, this all-important operation was accomplished; and a globular formed body, with pear-like finish at the lower extremity, never presented itself, in more perfect symmetry, on so stupendous a scale, than did this monarch of the air at the moment in question to the admiring gaze of assembled thousands. It was impossible to witness this slow but interesting process of inflation without being sensibly struck with the arduous and fatiguing task which devolved throughout on the directing genius of the Aeronaut; who not only superintended the preparations in general, but also took a personal share in the minutest details, connected with the well-working of the complex machine, and essential to the comfort as well as the safety of his fellow-voyagers.—Mr. Green's cool methodical and workmanlike demeanour in conducting these preliminaries is equalled only by his often tested yet never failing courage and self-possession in the hour of danger, except it be indeed by the intelligence of his mind, his unpretending manner and obliging disposition. In Mr. Crawshay he, of course found on this as on other occasions the generous friend no less than the able and zealous coadjutor.—And here we shall be rendering only justice to that gentleman, in alluding to the circumstance of his having so handsomely allowed *gratuitous* admission not only to individuals of respectability but also to all persons of decent appearance into the ground which he had engaged as the arena of the ascent; and over which he very properly reserved to himself for the time being the exercise of an independent right.

Amongst the numerous company within the inclosure we observed the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Mayor of Norwich and Mrs. Money, the Rev. Prebendary Wodehouse, Professor Sedgwick, Mrs. Crawshay and the Misses Crawshay, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Honingham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weston and the Misses Weston, the Recorder of Norwich and Miss Jermy, Mr. Bignold and the Misses Bignold, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Scott, Mr. Booth, Mr. W. and Mrs. Seppings, the Rev. P. Booth, the Rev. S. Titlow, the Rev. — Goodwin, Mr. Henry Browne, Officers of the 8th Hussars, Mr. Hudson, Dr. Lubbock, Mr. T. Steward, Mr. H. Willett, &c. &c.

During the period of preparation, by the polite permission of the Commanding Officer, at the Cavalry Barracks, the Band of the Royal Hussars were present, and performed several pieces of military and other music, in their accustomed style of masterly effect. At four o'clock all was ready—a cannon fired and the Balloon went up. In the car were Mr. Green, R. Crawshay, Esq. and his two younger Sons, (Mr. Frederick and Mr. Edward Crawshay), Nicholas Bacon, Esq. Mr. Shalders, and Mr. Andrews.

The military band, at this exciting moment, struck up "God save the Queen."

Nothing could surpass either the majesty and beauty of the ascent, or the intensity of interest and delight with which it was viewed by the immediately surrounding multitude, who hailed with loud acclamations the starting movement of this first-rate vessel of our Aerial Navy as she rose upright and rapidly with her gallant crew of seven. Mr. Crawshay and one of his sons waved each a flag; one the British Union, the other the Royal Standard of England: and the display was responsively saluted by another discharge of cannon. In magnitude a giant, in alacrity a lark, the splendid vessel pursued her upward course, and "high poised in air," seemed for a while to rest upon "the wings of the wind." Still ascending, her proportions enormous as they had appeared whilst "on earth," soon dwindled into a miniature circle of sombre hue on the blue ether through which she floated far away. The loveliness of the weather, in harmony with the animated features of the landscape, thickly studded with the outpouring population, a picturesque composition of hill and valley, stream and meadow, rural heights, and urban architecture—

the venerable Cathedral towering above its ancient precincts—and the Norman Keep, in *restored* perfectness, girded at its base with a dense zone of spectators. These were amongst the varied constituents of the scene which exhibited itself on this memorable occasion, and imparted to the whole a charm impossible to be described, yet not easily to be forgotten.

The extent of the voyage was Metton, near Felbrigg Park, on the estate of Wm. Howe Windham, Esq. The descent took place about half-past five o'clock in a farm, in the occupation of Mr. Bartram, a tenant of Mr. Windham.

At the moment of reaching the earth the grapnel laid firm hold of a tree, but without communicating any jerk or concussion to the balloon, the iron, which is a fine piece of workmanship, on a peculiar construction, and of unusual size, having been attached to an elastic cable, the property of R. Rush, Esq. of Elsenham Hall, Essex. This grapnel line had been sent down by that gentleman to Mr. Green, expressly to be used on his ascent with Mr. Crawshay, from Norwich. It is made on a new principle, being composed of nearly one-third *Caoutchouc*, or India-rubber, which renders it capable of a tension, of near 20 feet in the hundred.

Mr. Windham, who had been attentively watching the direction of the Balloon, arrived at the spot in company with Lady Sophia, just as the alighting was effected; and every assistance was promptly and efficiently rendered to the Aeronauts by that Hon. Gentleman.

Mr. Rutherford, Superintendent of Police at Aylsham, also rode after the balloon, and was soon at the place of descent, where he afforded essential service, in securing the huge machine from all risk of injury, which might have ensued, in the well meant but sometimes indiscreet zeal of the peasantry; who in this instance crowded from all points, but whose conduct was unexceptionably good and orderly.

The grapnel having been removed from the tree, the balloon was safely drawn into an adjoining meadow; where the party alighted with perfect ease and comfort. Indeed as a conclusive proof of the facility and calmness with which the landing was accomplished, it only requires to be mentioned that Mr. Crawshay, who had been the first to reach the earth descending by the rope, sustained with his sole personal strength, and without inconvenience to himself, the whole downward pressure of the car, containing six passengers, and about six hundred weight of ballast, to say nothing of the action of the machine itself.

The unprofessional Aeronauts unite in characterising their voyage as having been truly delightful, and one and all of them are loud in their praises of the Veteran Balloonist, in whose hands they had confidently entrusted themselves, as their brave and skilful Palmyras, for better and for worse.

The greatest altitude is estimated to have been about 8000 feet (5200 feet being a mile.) When at their highest elevation they found themselves becalmed for about a quarter of an hour.

The course of the balloon, immediately on leaving Norwich, was over the line of road to Frettenham, thus affording an unique prospect of that district of country, which includes Spixworth park, (the seat of John Longe, Esq.) Stratton Strawless, (the seat of R. Marsham, Esq.) &c.—It afterwards passed directly over the splendid domain of Lord Suffield's, at Gunton, at the same time presenting as on a vast map, the bird's-eye view of all the other noblemen's and gentlemen's residences, in the neighbourhood for twenty miles round.

The sea—"the open sea" was visible in its bright and boundless expanse to our air-sailing adventurers, from almost the first period of their ascent—and as they continued to approach the coast, numerous vessels upon it, gliding amidst the sunshine that glittered on their spreading sails, were a striking feature in the grand panorama; whose *ensemble* of sublimity and beauty none but aeronauts can imagine; and even they must fail in the attempt to portray a combination so wonderful and so eminently calculated to impress on them a sense of man's insignificance and of God's greatness in nature's works.

Mr. Windham most kindly and politely invited the whole party to dinner and to stay the night at Felbrigg Hall, but they were desirous of returning to this city, which they did immediately the Balloon, &c. had been safely deposited.

Mr. Charles Crawshay, Mr. Bradshaw, jun. and Mr. S. Bignold, jun. started in a carriage and four taking the direction of Aylsham. Having changed horses at that place, they proceeded to the spot where the balloon descended, and arrived shortly after the Aeronauts had alighted once more on *terra firma*.

Mr. Crawshay, Mr. Green, Mr. Nicholas Bacon, and their companions, reached this city about ten o'clock, and drove up to the Norfolk Hotel, where they were heartily greeted by their friends.

The dimensions and weight of the balloon are as follow:—diameter 51 feet—height 68 feet without the car—80 feet with the car attached—circumference 159 feet. Weight of the balloon's contents of carburetted hydrogen gas (specific gravity 355)—2285 lbs.—Weight of the balloon with its grappling iron, and appendages, ballast and passengers, 4090 lbs.

The gas was as good as it was abundant, and on no occasion, Mr. Green says, had he known the Balloon to be better filled than it was for this trip, under the superintendence of Mr. Tadman, of the gas works.

In concluding our hasty and unavoidably imperfect sketch of proceedings, connected with this memorable event, it is incumbent on us to add, that Messrs. Crawshay and Green are desirous of expressing their warm acknowledgments for the valuable assistance which they received, and for the uniform kindness they experienced, from all ranks of people.

ASCENT AND DESCENT OF THE NASSAU BALLOON.

Mr. Green, in reference to the last aerial voyage, says, that the balloon quitted the earth at nearly half-past six o'clock with a wind blowing strongly from the south-west. The object of the gentlemen who were his companions on the occasion, being more particularly to obtain a view of the metropolis and the country over which they might pass, he regulated his elevation so as to afford them an opportunity of gratifying their wishes. On going over London, therefore, they were at just such a height as enabled them distinctly to discover any point they might desire. After crossing the Thames, they commenced their passage over the City, between the Middlesex end of the Southwark-bridge and the bottom of Queen-street, Cheapside. At this point the balloon was at more than 1200 feet from the earth. They continued their onward course, passing a short mile to the eastward of Fairold fair, every body of us until they arrived over Chigwell-row, when an iteration took place in the wind, by which the balloon was propelled, the current carrying it somewhat more to the eastward. On going past Chelmsford the balloon was to the north-west of that town. Their course after this varied twice or three times from north-east to north-east by east. Shortly after Chelmsford had been cleared, Mr. Green allowed the balloon to ascend until he had attained an elevation of £,190 feet, or one mile and 910 feet from *terra firma*. At this period one of the passengers sang a song, remarking that he had never sung so high before. After a most delightful trip, the balloon, at 10 minutes past eight o'clock, was brought to an anchor in a fallow field, the property of Mr. Stuerdard, in the parish of Toppefield, 14 miles below Braintree, in Essex, a distance of 54 miles from the metropolis. The party were handsomely regaled and offered every assistance by Mr. J. Clay, of Hoes-farm, Toppefield. Mr. Green's companions, we have understood, expressed themselves in terms of the warmest admiration, not merely at the able manner in which he had managed the balloon, but at the great gratification they had derived from their voyage. The barometer, which at the starting was at 29.70, at the highest elevation stood at 23.50.

11 July 1850.

VAUXHALL GARDENS.—The evening entertainments at the "Royal Property" commenced on Monday evening, the monster balloon forming the great attraction to the company. This immense machine was permitted to ascend at a little past six, Mr Green, the aeronaut *par excellence*, being in charge thereof, and accompanied by several gentlemen, who appeared no ways daunted at their approaching ascent into mid-air. Tight-rope dancing by monkeys, skipping by dogs, the Grecian statues, a moving panorama of the Rhine, singing, and the fire-works, comprised the remaining portion of the entertainments, which were over in very good time, every thing being concluded by a little past eleven. In the rotunda are a series of paintings from the pencil of Mr Cocks, representing the life and progress, if we may so call it, of a British man-of-war, from the stately forest oak to the breaking up of the decayed and worn-out hulk. The military bandaffords a sort of promenade concert for the advantage of the visitors, by marching round the garden and playing between the intervals of the performances. The gardens were well attended.

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VAUXHALL.—Two balloons ascended from the Royal Gardens on Tuesday evening, one of them being the Nassau balloon and the other a smaller one, first used on the day of the coronation of George IV. Both took a north-easterly direction, but at no time did they attain any great altitude, as they only just entered the clouds, and shortly afterwards emerged from them and descended. The large one descended near Waltham Cross, in Hertfordshire, and the other near Chingford, in Essex.

Sept. Aug. 27
1833

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HER
MAJESTY.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
Open every Night of the Week except Saturday,
DOUBLE ASCENT, TWO BALLOONS.
On Tuesday a Day and Night Fly will take place,
when the Royal Nassau Balloon, and Mr Green's Coronation
Balloon, will ascend at the same moment. The Evening En-
tertainments will commence immediately after the Ascent, and
continue till the usual hour of closing.
Doors open at Half-past Four. Tickets at Half-past Five—
Fireworks at Half-past Ten. Admission to the whole, 1s. 6d.;
after the Ascent, 1s.

THE GREAT NASSAU BALLOON.—LEWES, SEPT. 11/49
About a quarter before eight o'clock yesterday evening the attention of some of the inhabitants was arrested by an immense object floating through the air over the old castle and crossing the town, which turned out to be the Nassau balloon, in which was Mr. Green and Mr. Rush. The aeronauts alighted in safety in a field adjoining the house of the Rev. Henry West, of Southover, and when the balloon reached *terra firma* about a dozen persons were present, who rendered immediate assistance to the enterprising travellers. In a short time the balloon was surrounded by hundreds of persons, and Mr. Green and his friend were congratulated on the safety of their arrival. We understood from Mr. Green that he left Vauxhall about half-past six o'clock, and that he came in a direct line about 50 miles, which he accomplished in an hour and a quarter. They describe the trip as delightful; and in the course of their *voyage*—which was an experimental one—they reached an altitude of about 27,000 feet, which was more than five miles—a greater altitude than, we believe, has ever been attained. The aeronauts passed through a considerable quantity of snow, and the cold was so severe as to numb Mr. Green's hands and feet. A strong current of air set in just before the descent, which they were fearful would carry them to the Downs, where they could not have received any assistance; but fortunately the wind changed, and they made their descent easy at the place above-mentioned. We understand that Mr. Green and his friend went off immediately to Brighton, where the family of Mr. Rush is staying. The aeronauts experienced every kindness at the hands of the Lewes people, and Mr. Green and Mr. Rush liberally rewarded the men who assisted them in their descent. Mr. Shoosmith undertook to convey the balloon to London by Wednesday, as it is Mr. Green's intention to make another ascent from Vauxhall on Friday.

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UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HER MAJESTY.
ROYAL GARDENS,
VAUXHALL
Day and Evening Entertainments.
FIRST ASCENT THIS SEASON OF THE
NASSAU BALLOON.

The Proprietors respectfully announce that the Gardens will Open for the Season,
On MONDAY, 8th JULY
When an unprecedented COMBINATION OF DAY and NIGHT Amusements will take place.

THE GARDENS

During the Recess have undergone very extensive Alterations and Embellishments.

THE ROTUNDA THEATRE

Has been entirely remodelled and decorated, the Panels of the Lower Boxes representing the several stages in the existence of a BRITISH SHIP OF WAR, commencing with

THE OAK FOREST
THE BUILDING
THE LAUNCH
PUTTING TO SEA

THE BATTLE
MORNING AFTER BATTLE—Sunrise
COMING INTO PORT, and
THE BREAKING-UP.

On the Panels of the Upper Boxes are depicted the Flags and Insignia of all Nations; the whole presenting a complete Ornamental Picture Gallery.

On the Stage of this Theatre there will be given, during the Season, several entirely

NEW DRAMATIC INTERLUDES,

by Popular Authors. Also, in consequence of the universal admiration expressed every Evening last Season, at the

REPRESENTATIONS OF SCULPTURE

BY MALE AND FEMALE ARTISTS,

That Exhibition will be repeated, with several New Groups, EVERY NIGHT until further notice.

The Proprietors feel much pleasure in being able to announce that they have, after much negotiation, succeeded in making an Engagement, for a limited number of Performances, with the celebrated

CHANTEURS
MONTAGNARDS,
40 in Number,

Who are daily expected in England: they will make their First Appearance on the day of their arrival. This EXTRAORDINARY COMPANY, which has created the greatest sensation in Paris, gave their last Concert in the Palace of the Tuilleries, by COMMAND of His Majesty the King of the French. Full Particulars of the Performances will be given.

In the Open Orchestra there will be a

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.

PRINCIPAL PERFORMERS:

Mr. P. BEDFORD, Mr. BUCKINGHAM,
Mr. H. BEDFORD, & Miss VINCENT, (their First Appearance at Vauxhall)
&c. &c.

Composer and Director, Mr. BLEWITT.

Mr. SEDGWICK, Professor of the Concertina, is also engaged.

MR. SCHREYER,

The Proprietor of the celebrated and original Troop of

MONKEYS & DOGS.

Will leave England NEXT SATURDAY, July 13. These extraordinary Animals, in all FORTY-FIVE, will give their

Last Five Performances in this Country,

At Vauxhall, viz. MONDAY, July 8, TUESDAY, July 9, WEDNESDAY, July 10, THURSDAY, July 11, and FRIDAY, July 12.

On the Stage of the Open Theatre will be exhibited a GRAND NEW

MOVING PANORAMA
OF
THE RHINE,

Including the most beautiful Scenery between COBLENZ and MAYENCE, viz.
COBLENZ
EHRENBREITSTEIN
STERNBERG
ST. GOAR
RHEINFELS
GOARSHAUSEN
OBERWESEL
SCHONBERG
THE PFALTZ (Moonlight)
BACHARACH
MOUSE TOWER (Morning)
BINGEN and MAYENCE

The above are painted from Views taken on the spot, and will be all readily recognized by those numerous tourists who have visited the Rhine.

The Panorama, as well as the Decorations in the Rotunda, are painted by Mr. COCKS, Artist to the Gardens.

The Machinery by Mr. LOWE.

THE ILLUMINATIONS

Will be on an increased scale of Splendour every Evening.

A QUADRILLE BAND

Is engaged, and will perform the most fashionable Waltzes, Gallopades, &c. by Strauss, Musard, Lanner, Julien, and Dufresne.

The Band of the Surrey Yeomanry Cavalry,

Now acknowledged to be the first Military Band in England, will be, as usual, under the direction of Mr. WALLIS.

The Entertainments will conclude, every Evening, with a splendid Display of

Fire Works

By Mr. D'ERNST.

Programme for the Week.

MONDAY, July 8th.—FIRST ASCENT THIS SEASON of the ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON, conducted by Mr. GREEN, taking a party of seven gentlemen who have engaged the Car.—The Evening Amusements, with the Monkeys and Dogs, commence after the Ascent, and conclude with the Fireworks, at Half-past 10. Doors open at Half-past 4, Ascent at Half-past 5. Admission to the whole, 1s. 6d.; After the Ascent, 1s.

TUESDAY, July 9th.—AN UNPRECEDENTED COMBINATION OF ENTERTAINMENTS.—The novel Entertainment entitled THE CURRICULUM, or OLYMPIC GAMES, (full particulars of which have already been published,) conducted by Mr. DUCROW, with 50 Horses and 12 Ponies, as well as the Evening Amusements, with the Monkeys and Dogs. Doors open at Half-past 2. Admission to the whole, viz. to the Olympic Games and the Evening Entertainments, 1s. 6d. After the termination of the Games, 1s.

WEDNESDAY, July 10th.—The Evening Entertainment, with the Monkeys and Dogs, and all the Novelties. Doors open at Half-past 7; Fireworks at Half-past 10.
Admission, ONE SHILLING.

THURSDAY, July 11th.—CURRICULUM, and Evening Entertainment, with the Monkeys and Dogs, as on Tuesday.

FRIDAY, July 12th.—The Evening Entertainment, with the Monkeys and Dogs, and all the Novelties. Doors open at Half-past 7; Fireworks at Half-past 10.

Admission, ONE SHILLING.

Correct Programmes of the Amusements can be had only INSIDE the Gardens. On the Day Fêtes Parties will find it most agreeable to take their Dinner in the Gardens.

Baine Brothers, Printers, 38, Gracechurch Street.

MR. GREEN'S ASCENT in his CORONATION BALLOON, from the Gardens of Stafford House, Chiswick, and Grand Fete Champetre, To-morrow, Aug. 14. Tickets, 2s. 6d.; family tickets, for five persons, 10s.; admission on the day, 5s. The entertainments during the progress of inflation will be varied, and the ascent will take place at half-past 6 precisely. According to the fashion of the day, Mr. Green will let down an animal in a parachute. *Aug. 14. 1839*

On Wednesday last, Mr. Green, accompanied by his friend Mr. D. Dulley, made his 273d ascent from Stafford-house, Chiswick, a few minutes past 6 o'clock, and descended between Whetstone and Totteridge, after a delightful voyage of half an hour, where they experienced every attention and assistance from the inhabitants. During the journey Mr. Green was confirmed in the opinion he had so often advanced, that in proportion to the elevation the wind would be found to bear more west. The different currents which operated most were as follow:—South by east; due south; south by west; and at the greatest elevation, 7,100 feet, south by west. To show the effect, and explain the principle of the parachute in breaking a fall, Mr. Green exhibited the one used for Cross's celebrated monkey Jacopo (substituting a cat) when he ascended from the Royal Surrey Gardens, and which he considered an improvement on Garnerin's. It descended immediately on its liberation, at the height of 2,000 feet, and descended gracefully, without the slightest rotatory motion, experiencing little or no concussion when it reached the earth. On returning to the grounds the aeronauts found that puss and the parachute had been brought back in safety after an absence of two hours.

**MR. GREEN'S
CORONATION
BALLOON ASCENT**
FROM THE GARDENS OF
STAFFORD HOUSE, CHISWICK,
AND
Grand Fete Champetre,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

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Admit
AND FRIENDS, ON THE PAYMENT OF
2s. 6d. each Person.

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A Variety of Entertainments will be given during the progress of Inflation, from One o'Clock till Six.
Doors open at One o'Clock, Ascent at Half-past Six.

Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Family Tickets for Five, 10s.
Admission, without an Order or Ticket, 5s.

Tickets may be had at the EGYPTIAN HALL, PICCADILLY; at 343, STRAND; Mr. HEWITT, Confectioner, Regent Street; and at STAFFORD HOUSE.

Mr. Green, who ascended in his balloon on Wednesday from Stafford House, Chiswick, accompanied by Mr. Dulley, made a safe descent within half an hour in a field between Totteridge and Whetstone. The greatest altitude was 7,000 feet, the balloon passing respectively through currents S.E. due South, and at the highest elevation S.W.; the current at the highest elevation to which Mr. Green has ascended being always N.W. At a height of 2,000 feet a parachute, suspended to which was a cat, was liberated, which descended quietly and gently to the earth, the animal sustaining no injury in its aerial voyage. *Aug. 15. 1839*

— Mr Green, accompanied by his friend Mr D. Dulley, made his 273rd ascent from Stafford House, Chiswick, on Wednesday, and, after reaching an altitude of 7,100 feet, he made a safe descent, within half an hour, at Totteridge, near Whetstone, Middlesex. At a height of 2,000 feet, a parachute, suspended to which was a cat, was liberated: it was observed that the machine descended without the slightest rotatory motion, and after two hours absence both arrived safely in the grounds. *Aug. 14. 1839*

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MEDAL OF HER MAJESTY.

We have seen a splendid medal of the Queen, from the graver of Mr. W. J. Taylor, who executed it for the Metropolitan Society of Florists and Amateurs.— On the obverse, her head without bust, her face is of the most beautiful work, the hair braided. On the reverse, a wreath, composed of oak and laurel, within which it is intended to engrave the name of the successful candidate, it being a prize medal, strictly private: and not otherwise to be procured. Mr. Till has likewise presented to our view a cast from an unfinished die of Mr. GREEN, the celebrated Aeronaut, by the same hand. This head, is, as to fidelity of portrait, most extraordinary, it may be termed a speaking likeness. On the reverse it is intended to represent Weilburg,* the seat of the Grand Duke of Nassau, near which he descended after travelling on the 7th & 8th Nov. upwards of five hundred miles in eighteen hours. This view will be taken from a superb piece of china presented to Mr. Green, by the Grand Duchess of Nassau.

We would suggest to the Numismatic Society, the propriety of causing to be engraved by Wyon, or Taylor, a medal of their distinguished President, Dr. Lee, either of those gentlemen would do justice to it, and surely a body of men who professedly represent the most eminent Numismatists of the day, would be pleased to possess a medallic portraiture of a gentleman so devoted to its interests.

* It is a curious coincidence that the celebrated Blanchard who had ascended at Frankfort, also descended here in 1785. His flag is yet preserved among the archives of the Ducal Palace at Weilburg, in commemoration of the occurrence. Mr. Green, with so good a precedent before him, presented those which he had with him—two old and valued companions which had accompanied him in two hundred and twenty-one voyages—indeed ever since his fifth ascent.

Seated at his hospitable board at Highgate, the veteran relates with a zest, peculiarly his own—anecdotes connected with this aerial voyage: such, as the peasants flying on his nearing the earth and afterwards partaking of what they termed 'Himmlicher Schnapps,' i. e. Celestial Dram—in reality foreign brandy. And likewise of the christening of the "Nassau Balloon," by eight young ladies within it,—it being previously inflated with common air.

Druids' Magazine, Dec. 1837.

Medal
This, my friend and competent judge is conceded
to be a correct likeness
Feb. 4. 1839.
Thos Green



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 Hon. Member of the Imperial Academy of St. Petersburg

Portrait of the six members of the Imperial Academy of St. Petersburg, 1859.

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Under the Especial Patronage of her Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL. 1838
MOST EXTRAORDINARY NOVELTY.
ASCENT of the NASSAU BALLOON with Mr. VAN AMBURGH
and his BENGAL TIGER, NEXT THURSDAY, Sept. 27, by permis-
sion of A. Ducrow, Esq.
Mr. Van Amburgh having expressed a wish to make an ascent in the
Nassau Balloon, accompanied by one of his most splendid animals, in
order to show the control which he is enabled to obtain over the wildest
and most savage of the brute creation, the Proprietors have determined
not to lose an opportunity of presenting to the Public such a wonderful
spectacle.
The voyage will be conducted by Mr. Green, who, having been con-
vinced by Mr. Van Amburgh of the perfect docility of the animal, has
consented to undertake this unparalleled ascent.
There will be Evening Entertainments, with Illuminations and Fire-
works. Doors open at Two. Ascent punctually at Three, on account of
Mr. Van Amburgh being obliged to appear at the Royal Amphitheatre in
the evening. Admission to the whole One Shilling and Sixpence. After
the ascent One Shilling.

UNDER THE DIRECT PATRONAGE OF HER MAJESTY.
ROYAL GARDENS,
VAUXHALL.
The most Extraordinary Novelty!

**Ascent of Mr. VAN AMBURGH
and a BENGAL TIGER in the
NASSAU BALLOON, conducted
by Mr. Green, THURSDAY, the
27th September,**

(BY PERMISSION OF A. DUCROW, ESQ.)

**Positively the Last Ascent of the Balloon
this Season.**

Mr. VAN AMBURGH having expressed a wish to the Proprietors to make an Ascent
in the Nassau Balloon, accompanied by one of his splendid Animals, in order to show
the wonderful control which he is enabled to obtain over the wildest and most savage of
the brute creation; the Proprietors (notwithstanding the last Ascent had been announced)
have determined not to lose an opportunity of presenting the Public with such

A WONDERFUL SPECTACLE.

The Voyage will be conducted by Mr. GREEN, who having been convinced by
Mr. Van Amburgh of the perfect docility of the Animal, has consented to undertake
this UNPARALLELED ASCENT.

Previous to the Ascent Mr. Van Amburgh will EXHIBIT THE TIGER to
the Visitors.

**The Balloon with its novel Cargo will leave the
Earth at THREE o'Clock;**

After which the Military Band will perform in the Orchestra, and the Evening Amuse-
ments commence, embracing

A Dramatic Piece in the Rotunda—Michael Boai's Performances—
The Panorama of Mont Blanc—The Dioramic Pictures of Mont
St. Bernard and Wreck at Sunrise—Fountain of Neptune;
&c. &c. &c.

Grand Farewell Illumination
AND A SPLENDID EXHIBITION OF



By Mr. D'ERNST.

Doors open at Two o'Clock. Ascent at Three.

**Admission to the whole, 1s. 6d.; or, after the
Ascent, ONE SHILLING.**

PARTIES CAN DINE IN THE GARDENS.

N.B. The Ascent MUST take place at the Hour specified,
in consequence of Mr. VAN AMBURGH being obliged to
appear at the Royal Amphitheatre in the Evening.

Balne, Printer, 38, Gracechurch Street.

**Appeal from Van Amburgh's Tiger to
the Public.**

*Insert
cancelled* 13 Oct 1838

The public may smile at the present dispatches,
And from a Wild Beast at receiving these scratches,
Though folks would prefer, I'll bet fifty to ten,
To a scratch of my talons, a scratch of my pen.

I was lately invited by Aeronaut Green, ✱
To make an ascent in his Nassau machine;
To this I agreed, but for fear of disaster,
I begg'd he'd ask also Van Amburgh, my master.

Says I to myself, 'twill be prime, I declare,
To be the first Tiger that soar'd into air;
And, as science progresses, I said, 'twill be comical,
The public to treat with my notes astronomical.

Yes, I sternly roar'd out, and I stretch'd out my paw,
This voyage up aloft I'll perform with a-claw;
And, perhaps I may have the good fortune to see, oh,
My two worthy pals, Ursa Major and Leo.

Tom-cats and baboons, with high patronage propp'd,
Have rose in balloons, and in parachutes dropp'd;
But never before, I will venture my tip,
Did a Tiger determine to make such a trip.

Arrangements were finish'd, my stock was laid in,
And I grin'd with delight at the fame I should win;
I had pack'd for a snack in my provender bag,
The wing of a donkey and thigh of a nag.

My habits had always been fam'd for sobriety,
And I mean to join shortly a temperance society;
So I ordered (no difficult thing to procure) a
Ten gallon cask of the best aqua pura.

So far all went right, with a favouring gale;
But now I appeal with a sorrowful tail:
My prospects are cross'd, and my hopes have been floor'd,
And since the sad tidings I've constantly roar'd.

I thought with a proud and triumphant sensation,
I should soon be a subject for civilization;
But my feats (the sad fact I record with my pen),
Must henceforth be wholly confin'd to my den.

They told me, and well might such tidings appal,
I must give up all thoughts of ascent from Vauxhall;
For a moment in sorrow I shed a bright tear,
For I trusted to move in a loftier sphere.

Let no one consider misfortune a joke,
My airy-built castle has vanished in smoke;
And I make this appeal, in my project defeated,
Because I consider I'm shamefully treated.

The ignorant boobies of Essex and Kent,
Were alarm'd lest we made on their fields our descent;
And, deeming a Tiger a sort of a glutton,
Thought perhaps I'd make free with themselves or their mutten.

They ought to have known, if good sense they possess'd,
How intellect's march has with Tigers progress'd;
And savage propensities how to restrain,
Van Amburgh, our schoolmaster, well can explain.

But, 'tis proper to pause, for I dare not enlarge,
As my duties at Astley's I still must discharge;
Yet I trust the kind public, whose servant I've been,
Will state my hard usage at once to the Queen.

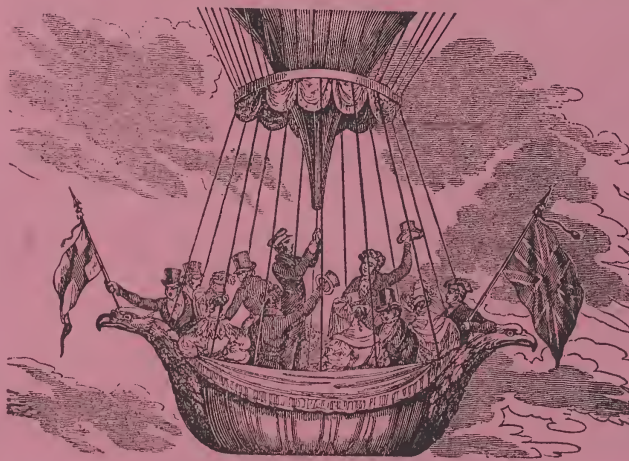
For me she may possibly exercise power,
By granting some sinecure berth in the Tower;
When renouncing the world, and all practices bloody,
I may finish my days in retirement and study.

THE TIGER ASCENT.—A correspondent informs us that
Mr. Green, the aeronaut, will not consent to go up in the
same car with the tiger; but that the tiger and his keeper
are to dangle beneath in a separate and distinct car, after the
manner of poor Cocking in his fatal parachute.—Morning
Herald. 26 Sept 1838

ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON

FROM VAUXHALL, LONDON.

**MONTPELIER
GARDENS,
CHELTENHAM,**



**ON TUESDAY
23^d April.**

DOORS OPEN AT ELEVEN.
ASCENT AT ONE.

THE PUBLIC IS RESPECTFULLY INFORMED, THAT
MR. GREEN
WILL MAKE AN ASCENT

IN THE
**NASSAU
BALLOON,**

(Being his 269th,)

FROM THE

**MONTPELIER GARDENS,
CHELTENHAM,**

On TUESDAY, 23^d of APRIL.

1839

The Doors will be opened at Eleven o'Clock. The Ascent at One o'Clock.

ADMISSION, 2s. 6d.

Balne Brothers, Printers, Gracechurch Street. London.

BALLOON AND RAILWAY TRAVELLING.—On Tuesday last, Mr. Green, in company with Mr. Rusk and Mr. Hughes, ascended in his large Nassau balloon, from Cheltenham, precisely at half-past three o'clock, and after a very pleasant though circuitous ride of 85 miles through the air, passing close over the park of the Duke of Wellington, at Strathfieldsaye, they made a safe landing at a quarter past seven o'clock, on Hazley-heath, near Hartley-row, Hants. The aeronauts having been in "Clouds' omnibus" three hours and a quarter. The gentleman in the management of the Winchfield and Hartley-row terminus of the London and Southampton railway, on perceiving the aerial voyagers descending near to his station, sent persons to inform Mr. Green that he would have engine power ready to convey him, his companions, and balloon to London, which was accepted, and in one hour and ten minutes from the time of starting from Winchfield, a distance of 98½ miles, the balloon and its previous occupants were safely landed at Vauxhall; the rate of travelling being by balloon, 22½ miles; by the railroad, 32½ miles, per hour. *26. 26. 1839*

BALLOON TRAVELLING.—The Cheltenham Chronicle tells us that the scientific gentlemen who accompanied Mr. Green in the Nassau balloon are now trying an experiment preliminary to the establishment of a line of balloons between Cheltenham and London, so as to supersede (if possible) every other mode of travelling!

April 27. 1839

CAMBRIDGE INDEPENDENT

CAMBRIDGE CORONATION FETE.

Perhaps in no city or town out of London has the Coronation been celebrated with a greater degree of splendour—certainly not with more heartfelt enthusiasm than has been exhibited by the inhabitants of Cambridge. No sooner was the wish generally expressed that it should be commemorated in a manner worthy of so great an event, than party differences were laid aside, and all united in the desire to give as much effect as possible to the proceedings. A truce was established to politics, and the two hostile armies piled their arms, and mixed with as much gaiety and conviviality as if they had been comrades all their lives. "Grim visaged war smoothed," for once, "his ruffled brow," and the dulcet strains of Orpheus could scarcely have had a more soothing effect over the sensorial organs of wild beasts than the coronation of the "fair vestal throned by the west" had upon the feelings of contending politicians. It seemed as if the golden age had come again, and that justice had returned once more to dwell upon earth.

"Jam redit et virgo; redeunt Saturnia regna."

The old and the young participated alike in the enthusiasm which the occasion excited; the former from a feeling of pleasure that they had lived to witness the event, not unmixed perhaps with the apprehension that it might be the last of the kind they should survive; while the latter looked forward to the blessings likely to flow to them and their children, from the mild and benignant sway of a young and lovely queen, that might long be destined to reign over them. Nor was the sense of these advantages diminished by the consciousness that she interposed a frail barrier to the accession of an odious tyranny, when the sceptre, which in her hand was one of mildness, and mercy might by some gloomy event, ever to be lamented, be converted into a rod of iron, and the whole nation plunged into tears. The fairer portion of the creation were not wanting in sympathy in the celebration of this day; but on the contrary, they were rejoiced to see so many of their lords and masters acknowledge the dominion of one of their own sex upon the throne, being content themselves to exercise undivided sway at home. Say not then that the age of chivalry has expired—or that gas and railroads and steamboats have monopolized the hearts of men, and left no room for the finer feelings of our nature to spring up in—that the romance of early life, or that "love's young dream" has perished altogether from memory. With a Queen such as we have upon our throne at present, that might rival in appearance Burke's celebrated description of Marie Antoinette—"surely never lighted on this orb, which she scarce seemed to touch, a fairer vision," &c. We doubt not (following up the illustration) that ten thousand swords would leap from their scabbards to avenge her cause of quarrel.

The spirit of loyalty and devotion to her Majesty was no where more powerfully evinced than in this town. As soon as it became known that all political opinions were merged in the feeling of the auspicious moment, subscriptions poured in from all sides, which amounted in a short time to about £1,500. It was resolved by a general committee, composed of the respectable inhabitants of the town, that arrangements should be made for giving a grand entertainment to the poor, to be followed up by exhibitions of sports calculated to amuse the people. The ingenuity of those learned in the lore of popular games was called into requisition, and prizes were proposed commensurate with the dignity and difficulty of each task. The pretensions of the patient donkey were not forgotten, and the wooden spoon met with its appropriate reward, in the instance of the animal that was fortunate enough to come in last.

The members of the University had nearly all taken wing, and with the exception of a solitary and sable biped or two that lingered around her "cloisters pale;" the colleges seemed completely deserted. The dove might nestle undisturbed in its favourite retreat, and the blackbird whistle without the chance of obtaining a single response. But, notwithstanding the solitude within the gates, all was life and bustle without. The country people for miles round flocked in to take part in the festivities, and "the fens" where Lord Byron says, (but we are persuaded without reason) that "jokes are thrown away," yielded up this occasion a most merry population.*

Nor was the early part of the week devoid of its amusements. The accustomed fair was held on the Common, and numbers who had come to transact business, or as votaries of pleasure were induced to remain over until the whole of the festivities had terminated. Booths were erected, where to the sound of the pipe and the labor responded the heavy tread of the well-booted farmer, as he figured towards a pair of modest Denmark satin shoes. The thirst created by such exercise was quickly allayed by an appeal to the ever-ready cask, nor were these revelries of rude delight disturbed by any inauspicious tumult that was not promptly quelled by the interference of a well-regulated police. Gingerbread wives, gilt in the most approved fashion, adorned the stall of many a fair purveyor of sweets, whose solicitations to provide you with so essential a commodity as a wife were sometimes too importunate to pass unheeded. In fact, every article of amusement or utility usually vendred on those occasions, from the child's penny trumpet to the tin snuff-box of the village elder, was exhibited in tempting display, and pressed upon the attention of the hundreds of motley groups who passed along. Nor were there any lack of the usual amusements. Mr. Lees, the Richardson of those parts, had provided an ample bill of fare for every hour in the day and the best part of the night, and in front of his spacious booth called out through the stentorian voices of half-a-dozen satellites, to those who had silver to step in and see his unrivalled performances, and to those who had not to make way for those who had. The less unfortunate, however, of the sight-seekers were sufficiently gratified by the occasional display of the entire force of the company on the platform on the outside of the booth, in which royalty blended with rags, the fierce Lady Macbeth with the gentle Juliet, the bandit Massaroni with Friar Lawrence, and, conspicuous above all, the princely Dane contemplative of the skies in ludicrous juxtaposition with the Grimaldi of the concern, whose glorious grin and imperial horse laugh put everything else, for the moment, into the shade. Savoyards with rabbits, dancing dogs, white mice, and occasionally a sensible looking bear, hurdy-gurdy boys, and German women chaunting forth canticles of the Tyrol to the merry accompaniment of barrel-organ and tambourine were to be seen in all directions pursuing their vocation until Wednesday night closed upon the motley and the merry scene. Thousands of the Fair folk, including buyers and sellers, who could not procure beds in the town, bivouacked on the Fair Green, or remained up all night—Irish fashion—that they might be up early on the morning.

PARKER'S PIECE—THE PREPARATIONS.

Several days previous to the day of the coronation, the preparations for the fete commenced on Parker's Piece—which spot of ground, from its extent and contiguity, had been judiciously selected for the purpose by the committee. A spacious and lofty wooden rotunda was raised in the centre of "the Piece," capable of holding an orchestra of one hundred musicians. The sides of this erection were tastefully decked with evergreens, interspersed with the choicest flowers, the gift of the Cambridge Horticultural Society, which had held their meeting on the previous day. The whole was surmounted by a lofty flag-staff, from which waved the royal standard of England. An extensive promenade, consisting of three platforms, boarded underneath, with seats on each, encompassed the rotunda, from whence the more respectable inhabitants could have a commanding view of the dinner of the poor on the plain beneath. Surrounding this promenade was a green area of still greater extent, destined for the accommodation of the humbler classes. Around this latter circle, three rows of tables were placed, at which three thousand Sunday school children, of every religious sect in the town, were to be entertained at dinner. At a short distance from those tables, and radiating from them at equal distances, four sets of others were laid down, fifteen in each set, and each table capable of accommodating two hundred people. The entire number, therefore, of persons expected to dine at those sixty tables was twelve thousand, which, with the three thousand Sunday school children, made an aggregate of fifteen thousand. The whole circle, which covered an area of several thousand feet, was strongly roped round, to assist the police in preventing the ingress of strangers who were not provided with tickets.

THE WEATHER.

From the dull and dismal state of the weather on the day preceding, the gloomiest anticipations were formed of the morrow; and "coming events cast their shadows before," in the adumbration of myriads drenched with rain, and a forest of saturated umbrellas. "Birnham Wood" was nothing to what the imagination of those accustomed to look at the dark side of things, suddenly drew together. This went so far, that a sanguine speculator of the town is reported to have given an order to a wholesale house in Oxford-street for several hundred umbrellas, to be sent down specially for the occasion.—However we may lament the individual's loss—being always disposed to encourage enterprise—we cannot but count it great gain that he failed in the realization of his hopes and wishes.

THE CORONATION DAY.

The sun rose beautiful and refulgent—

"So smile the heavens upon this holy act,

That after hours with sorrow chide us not."

The morning was ushered in by the firing of guns and a merry peal from all the bells of the various churches of the town. Divine service commenced at Great St. Mary's at half past ten o'clock. A Voluntary was played by Professor Walmisley and Boyce's *Te Deum* was chaunted by the choir of Trinity. The lessons were 1 Chron. xxix. 1—25, and 1 Pet. ii. 11—17. The Rev. Mr. Carus, of Trinity, preached the sermon, taking his text from 2 Kings xi. 11. After the sermon the Coronation anthem was finely given. From an early hour Parker's Piece was crowded with thousands of anxious spectators—many who had had tickets, even for the promenade, being anxious to get there in time to secure their places. There seemed to be no need, however, of such hurry or anxiety, as such were the ad-

* It is where speaking of

"The loudest wit, I e'er was deafened with,"

And whom preferment gave

"To lay the devil who looks o'er Lincoln,

A fat fen vicarage and nought to think on."

"His jokes were sermons and his sermons jokes,

But both were thrown away among the fens,

For wit hath no great friend in gushy folks."

mirable arrangements of the committee that there was ample space in every portion of the enclosure for the vast multitude of all classes to move about with pleasure and convenience.—At twelve o'clock, the Sunday school children of the different parishes began to march in procession from their respective localities towards the ground, marshalled and accompanied by their friends and teachers—some of whom bore flags and banners with appropriate devices. The children, as they arrived, took their places in excellent order at the inner tables allotted to them. The humbler classes of the various parishes were then brought up in similar array, in bodies of one and two hundred, and placed at the outer tables. All the stewards, carvers, and waiters—of whom there was a great abundance—wore white rosette favours. All the carvers, together with the president and vice-president of each table, had, by previous order we suppose, provided themselves with a knife and fork—a very sensible, as well as a very classic arrangement, which was observed by all those who came to partake of the dinner, as well as providing the necessary adjuncts of a plate and a mug. Beer-mastets presided over a goodly number of barrels, who distributed the grateful beverage to the waiters on presenting their tickets. A waiter was assigned to every twenty guests. It was wisely and humanely ordered that the fragments of the feast should be given to the poor on the following day.

THE DINNER.

At two o'clock, on the announcement of the Mayor, the following grace, to the tune of *The Old Hundredth*, was sung by the choristers in the orchestra, accompanied by the band, which was admirably conducted by Professor Walmisley:—

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Immediately the presidents, vice-presidents, and the other carvers, commenced their operations, and the work of mastication went bravely on. Rounds and sirloins of beef, shoulders and legs of mutton, veal of all cuts and sizes, hams, tongues, pickles, varied and innumerable, from the spicy walnut to the cooler kidney-bean, and though last, not least, numerous plum-puddings, of pleni-lunar dimensions, vanished in quick succession. Nor was the system of deglutition uninteresting, or less admirably arranged. Busy tapsters were seen in all directions, hurrying to and fro with foaming mugs of Cambridge's renowned and best, and filling again, "in hot haste," to satisfy the legitimate cravings of the thirsty souls who essayed to dilute properly the solid sports of the day, and who loved, in their loyalty, to drink over and over again the health of their young and glorious Queen. A sheep, roasted whole, lay extended on a gigantic platter on a board near the rotunda, which also disappeared, somewhat like "the old guards" at Waterloo, after sustaining a most destructive attack. Never was banquet but half so numerous, half so well arranged. There may have been more splendid ones, but a happier were impossible. There was abundance of room, no lack of anything that could contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the guests, and all around was good humour, happy faces, and sunshine. The *coup-d'-oeil* from the promenade of the rotunda was spirit-stirring in the extreme; and the view of this eminence from the plain beneath, crowded as it was with the elegantly-dressed beauty of Cambridge and its vicinity, was also splendid and beautiful. After dinner the following verses were sung, like the former one, to the tune of *The Old Hundredth*:—

O King of Kings, thy blessings shed
On our anointed Sovereign's head;
And, looking from thy throne in heaven,
Protect the crown thyself hast given.

Her, for thy sake, may we obey,
Uphold her right, and love her sway;
Remembering—all the powers that be,
Are ministers ordained by thee.

By her, this favoured nation bless;
To her wise counsels give success;
In peace, and war, thy power be seen;
Confirm her strength:—O save our Queen.

And, when all earthly thrones decay,
And earthly glories fade away,
Give her a nobler throne on high,
A crown of immortality.

A grand overture and chorus, by Professor Walmisley, was then given by the choristers of Trinity and King's colleges, the members of the Choral Society and the band, which was universally admired as a composition of great brilliancy and force. The words of the chorus were as follows:—

All hail to our fair, our illustrious Queen!
May her glories be bright, and her days be serene:
May remotest of countries re-echo her fame,
And our national toast be Victoria's name!

The Queen's health having been announced by the Mayor, and given with deafening cheers, the National Anthem was struck up and joined in by the assembled multitude, standing up. The singing in this anthem, as well as in the strains before and after dinner, of so many thousand voices, blending in unison with the very numerous and efficient band, and especially those of the charity school children, had a beautifully happy and sublime effect. The fragments of the banquet having been removed for the use of the poor on the next day, fresh ale was sent round the tables, and pipes and tobacco were introduced. As each humble but honest patriot commenced to *blow a cloud*, an appearance was hailed in the upper air—we cannot say the *clouds above*, as the hour was one of cloudless splendour, indicative of an approving Providence, and worthy of the festive occasion. This sail in the air proved to be a tiny balloon, the first of a series which followed preparatory to the ascent of the majestic one, which was to take place on the front part of Midsummer Common in the evening, and which handsome little skimmers of the skies were happily designated on the instant by a friend of ours of facetious notoriety, "bubbles from the brunns of the great Nassau." Many and lively were the speculations, especially amongst the younger branches, as to whether each of the winged messengers which ascended in quick succession, was not the identical balloon mentioned in the programme, and which was to be exclusively the great "observed of all observers." Such innocent doubts were however one by one resolved by the speedy dissolution of the objects themselves as they ascended to a proper altitude for a flare up, without subjecting the auricular sensibilities of the female portion of the audience at so early an hour to the inconvenience of an explosion.

There could not have been less than thirty-five thousand persons present, of whom fifteen thousand occupied seats at the dinner tables. We did not see a dissatisfied face or a drunkard amongst the guests, nor hear a word or expression uttered but what breathed of loyalty, good feeling, good sense, and satisfaction. It was delightful to behold the interest which the respectable inhabitants of all sects and parties took in seeing that the dinner guests were provided with all that they required or could wish for. Many also of the most distinguished, as well as the most beautiful of the ladies of Cambridge attended personally on the Sunday school children, and shed a bright—we should say a hallowed—influence over the animating scene, for beauty clothed in the attributes of charity is like mercy twice blessed. Those members of the University too, who remain among us should not be forgotten when the meed of commendation is given to all who deserved it, for the zeal and efficiency which they evinced throughout the proceedings.

THE SPORTS.

As soon as the banquet had terminated on Parker's Piece, the stewards gathered together, and accompanied by a band of music, heralded the way towards the scene of the sports. This was situated on the lower part of the Common, and no games, whether ancient or modern, ever presented a greater variety or a more motley admixture of the ludicrous and the gay. The committee who superintended this department were stationed on a platform raised upon a broad-wheeled waggon, so that they might be said to be regular comedians of the olden time. The "*plaustra*" of the ancients could not have yielded more amusement than did the sports, emanating from this vehicle, afford to the surrounding multitude. Mr. Alderman Bridges acted as chief manager, and by his good humour and the zeal he evinced to please the people, had no difficulty, even independently of the character of the performances, in securing a most approving audience. In Rome, there were certain days when the slaves were privileged to run riot, to insult their masters with impunity, and even be waited upon by those whom they had hitherto been obliged to serve. In the present instance, the poor, whose "short and simple annals," however affecting, are not stained with the badge of slavery, received every attention from those whom fortune had elevated to a higher sphere, nor did they prove ungrateful for the license. On the contrary it will be found that the nature of the people of this country is not so obdurate, as to require artificial barriers to controul it at every step we go. It is owing to such conventional forms as these that a latent spirit of discontent and dissatisfaction is generated in the minds of the lower classes, and which too often finds vent in acts of barbarous wantonness that give a colour to the expediency of always maintaining the strictest discipline. In passing, we may also observe, that if our places of amusement, or of works of art, were more generally thrown open, as in France, to the public, we should not find the same spirit of destructiveness so frequently exercised, as unfortunately is the case at the present time.

We will not examine very minutely whether the character of the sports exhibited on the present occasion were of a very humanizing tendency; quite certain we are that humanity need not grieve over any exhibition of harmless pleasantry. There were races of men and donkeys, and diving for sixpences in meal, which being discovered, we have no doubt were very speedily converted into malt. The whole affair went off with the utmost good humour and satisfaction, which was loudly expressed in the frequent laughter and cheers of the assembled crowd.

THE BALLOON.

At seven o'clock, and by the time the sports had terminated, it was announced that the balloon was about to ascend, when the crowd, headed by the committee and preceded by a band of music, and flags flying, bent their steps in the direction of the scene. The area, where the balloon was inflated, was inclosed with ropes, in order to prevent the great pressure of the crowd from without; but notwithstanding this precaution and the exertions of several constables, they succeeded in effecting an entrance before the immediate ascent of the balloon, to the impediment of those engaged in holding it down. The dimensions of the balloon were 112 feet in circumference, 60 feet high, and required 18,000 gallons of gas to fill it for the ascent, which was provided from the neighbouring works by Mr. Grafton, who superintended the arrangement. A London aeronaut had been specially engaged, reserving to himself the right of a passenger, should any be found hazardous enough to venture with him on a voyage. His speculations in this respect were disappointed, for the particular class of persons whom he most affected, namely, "those with light heads and heavy purses," were not so plentiful in Cambridge as he anticipated. It must have been under this impression that he made the modest demand of 20*l.* for the excursion. But though the name of a university has a charm, it loses much of that magic in vacation time, and he was placed in the position of Goldsmith, when expecting the appearance of the party at dinner, which never arrived—"In the middle by a place where the party was—not." In fact there were scarce any university men to be seen, except those immediately engaged in regulating the proceedings of the day. After all efforts to secure a *compagnon de voyage* had failed, it was intimated that his own wife would accompany him. This added a double charm to the effect, as it was thought appropriate to the day on which a Queen was crowned, that one of her own sex should tempt the heavens in honour of the event. It may be said that the practical utility of balloons is very doubtful that

"Cælum ipsum petimus stultitiâ."

but nevertheless, as the sight is one of great interest, and accompanied with a certain degree of danger, which whether it be for good, or evil, has the power of attracting public attention, we doubt not but that such exhibitions will long continue to delight the votaries of fetes and festivities. Ballooning has now become a fashionable amusement, and though "a voyage to the moon" may seem somewhat chimerical, a voyage to the Duchy of Nassau, in Germany, has been proved practicable. Since this memorable occurrence, nothing of any consequence has been attempted, although enthusiasts in aeronautics express a confident belief in the feasibility of an attempt upon a much more extended sphere. "To measure the intensity of blue," has engaged the attention of a Humboldt, but he must give way at once to the ætherial aspirations of Mrs. Green and over whom even the blue-eyed maid of Wisdom can scarcely claim precedence. Mrs. Green has careered through the heavens with the swiftness of a goddess, and breathed an atmosphere more pure and attenuated than any of us poorer mortals, at least while sojourners upon earth, can ever hope to inhale. If we must not envy, we cannot help admiring the intrepidity of such undertakings. We are not such profound utilitarians as to reason upon the exact use of a thing provided it may conduce to amusement, and we think it is sufficient to guard against its abuse.

Whatever doubt might have previously existed as to the authenticity of the original balloon, there could be none in the appearance of the present spectacle. As the balloon was inflated and swayed from side to side replete with the glory of gas, the conversation of the crowd formed an entertaining interlude previously to its ascent. We heard a wag ejaculate a pious prayer, that his sides might be filled out with the same gracefulness every day in the year. Indeed the utmost good humour seemed to prevail throughout the whole of the day, and the amusements were so arranged and distributed as to create universal satisfaction. As soon as the balloon was filled, the car was attached, and the aeronaut and his wife entered amid tremendous cheering and waving of hats. After some little time, which was taken up in adjusting the apparatus, connected with the balloon, the rope was let go, when it bounded from the earth, and proceeded through the air with a steady motion, accompanied by the cheers and good wishes of the vast numbers assembled on the Common. The lady turned round in the car, and fearlessly looking down, continued to waive a handkerchief, until from the elevation reached by the balloon, she became, with her companion imperceptible. It took a south-easterly direction, and continued in sight for a long time, notwithstanding the density of the atmosphere. We were subsequently informed that it descended in perfect safety at Fulbourn, about seven miles from Cambridge.

THE FIRE WORKS.

This anxiously looked for display commenced at ten o'clock, on that quarter of Parker's Piece near the town gaol, and lasted for upwards of an hour. The taste and ingenuity of the artist, Mr. Deck, were universally admired. Rockets ascending to a glorious height, and falling in all sorts of lights, blue, green, red, and others like showers of gold, hissing serpents, shooting stars, fiery wheels, emblems of royalty, loyal inscriptions in gigantic letters of flame, &c. &c., and crowning all the crown of England itself, above a glorious star, inscribed with the nation's prayer for its stability, and its royal wearer, illumined the darkness in quick succession, and were received by the plaudits of the assembled thousands, who seemed to be as merry and as numerous as during the earlier period of the festivities. Many of the younger branches, anxious no doubt to shew "the young idea how to shoot," had pre-determined on establishing a system of pyrotechnics on their own account, which they did in various directions of Parker's Piece, in the shape of vagrant and indiscriminate squibs and crackers, to the occasional annoyance of some venturous invalids and timorous elders, who had sortied to enjoy the cool night breeze and to view the spectacle. During the progress of the fire works the band continued to play on the rotunda. Before midnight the various groups had left the ground and retired to rest.

Under the Especial Patronage of her Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
ASCENT OF THE ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON.
On MONDAY NEXT, July 2. A GRAND FETE in honour of her Majesty's Coronation will be given; on which occasion the ASCENT of the ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON will be combined with the attractions of the evening entertainments. For full particulars, see the bill of the day.
Doors open at half-past four. Balloon Ascent at half-past five. Fire works at half-past ten. Admission to the whole One Shilling and sixpence; or, after the Ascent, One Shilling.
N.B. The Nobility and Gentry can be accommodated with seats with the Balloon enclosure.

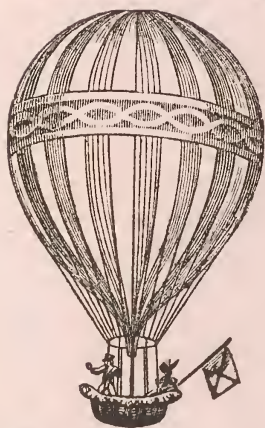
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF WILTON.
AND
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD FRANCIS EGERTON, M. P.

The PROPRIETORS of the ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL,
LONDON, have the honor to announce to the Inhabitants of
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VAUXHALL NASSAU

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Which performed the extraordinary
Voyage



From London to Weilberg, in
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WILL ASCEND

UNDER THE ABOVE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE,
FROM THE EXTENSIVE AREA OF

THE SALFORD GAS WORKS,
MANCHESTER,

Next Monday, 16th Oct. 1837,

(By the kind permission of the Gentlemen of the Committee of the Works,)

AT HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK.

TO BE CONDUCTED

By MR. GREEN,
THE CELEBRATED AERONAUT

THERE WILL BE

SEATS IN THE CAR FOR TEN LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

TERMS:—For a Lady, Ten Guineas.—For a Gentleman, Twenty Guineas.
Seats may be secured on application to the Proprietors, at Yates's, Star Hotel,
Deansgate.

The Proprietors are much gratified in adding, that they are honoured by the
very kind Permission of MAJOR STUART, of the 86th Regiment, or
Royal County Downs, for the BAND OF THAT REGIMENT to attend.

A variety of Martial and other Airs will be performed during the Inflation.

The company will have the opportunity of witnessing the whole process of
the Inflation of the Balloon.

ADMISSION, HALF-A-CROWN.

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BALLOONING.

FROM "OUR OWN" CORRESPONDENT.

We are extremely happy to be enabled to lay before our readers an account of the late grand balloon expedition, from the pen of one of the aeronauts themselves. Our fair correspondent, as well as our readers, will appreciate the motive of our giving the letter untrimmed and un-"edited," which, without further comment, we proceed to transcribe.

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURT JOURNAL.

"Sir,—I am of a spireing genus, and ave got a Sole wich to use the expresion of old Luke Last my shew maker is 2 big for my uper lethers. Bee that ass it may, or may not, I allwys held myself up Very hi and without vannity considderd myself a Cut abuv the Canal (q. Canaille?). After wat I av sed you wil not be Sirprized to ear off my bean l of Mr Green's party wen he went up a Skylarking the other day in his Sky Bus. Oping Sum accounts of the same wil not be Uninteresting to you and your gentel reders, I now Take up my pen and hink and sheet of bath Post to inform you as folows.

"Sir, friday was our Ascenshun Day, bean fixt on by Mr G. on account of Mores allmynack Prog noxticating the wether to be Verry fine, wich its all Verry fine tawking of Mr Moor, but betwene you and me I think ticing pepel out in the Rain in that Ways isent by no means Fair. Owever to procede to Vox Hall wich I did in a hackny, the coachman litel thinking who he'd got in his Inside. O Mr Hediter sech a site! it was rely Bewiching. I shoold think they was not less than 2 under thousand umberrellows all up at wunce, without Rekonning parrowsalls and Indy ruber cokes. I never sea sech a seen in al my life. Having shuk ands with Mr Green and been interduced to the Rest of the party we ajourned to ave a bit of lunsh together wile the baloon was geting its Blow out. Noty beany—take this opertunaty of corekting a poppular eror of im-magguineing that baloons is filed with wind Like fat bals to make em go up But find on converseing with Mr Green on the subjik it is no sech thing But quite contrary namely they bean al Lited with gass. This gas from the light wich it carrys things is cold High-drigin gass. That wich is used for liting our streets and shops of a heaven-ing is I believe cald Night-rigin gass.

"Sir, our time bean now cum I was anded into the car by Mr Green, bean Drest in a Ski blew gown made ful al round, a at of Cloudded silk, and Baloon sleeves. I was litterrally coverd with flours, namely wall flours and emmouns in my at, and Creepers in my air. This was a hawfull moment, and wen I ear the signall gun dischargd I began to feel as if I shoold like to be Let off myself. And I Bleave betwene you and me Mr Hediter, at Seting off al of us Started. Owever I soon plukt up my sperrits, bean detemind as the saying is to Di game, and in another moment the rope bean ajusted we was Lawnchd into heternity. Their was 9 of us namely 2 females and 7 males. Mr C. Green bean apropiatly drest in Sea green, and a Air cap on his hed. The vew at this time was bewtyfull in the xtream the crouds of speck-taters Old and yung Gentel and simpl standing Dripping under the trees bean rely delitefull. They kep hip hiping us in the most cheering maner wile the gentelmen in the baloon wavyd their ats in return and me my Blak velvit ridicule, at wich you wil praps Smile at the idear, but the fact is no laffing mater, namely Having pervided a helegant wite cambrick workt pokit hankyher for the Okasion, but wen I cum to want it found I had bean Pickpokketed of it by sum of the swel mob in the gardins, and I thing Leding to another soon diskovered also mising my gold repeter, spighing glas and chain, oarmol-low bracelits, purs ful of sovrins, silver Thimbl, and pensil case, wich Rather dampit my arder for a bit and made me Repent ever bean ingaged in sech a Airum scarum xpeditshon. Owever I wasent going to let Mr Green see my shag green, so goodhumorously jined in the laff again myself, tho I cood hav tore their eyes out.

"Sir to procede with our vlage the whether having now cleered up a litl we prommist usselves much delite from the scenery wich Mr Green sed the vew of London from the Air was the most beutifull thing on erth, and we had all got our

tellyscopes and hoppera glases in Reddiness but onfortnatly the wind Blowin us up sow east and the smoke seting in in the same direxion we coodent see nothink at al. This put us al in a pother, but Mr G. begd leaf to Assure us that al wood be satisfactory jest now, and perceded to rite ome by one of the earler piggins, and kindly Offring to frank me a leter tuk this opertunaty of Droging a line to Bow street to Inquire after my lost propperty. We was now geting out of the smoke, and Mr Green told us to get our tellyscopes reddey agin wich we did acording, But befour we had time to find the fokus had got among the clouds wear we coodent See our ands befour us—at least Mr G. sed it was the clouds tho I doant Bleave it was no sich thing but nothink in the world but a reglar november fog. At the same time I began to feel myself uncomon downrite chil, for naturally thinking we shoold be verry ot in cuming near the sun I had Drest myself in nothink but muslins and gawses, and perwided myself with only parrowsalls, and vales and fins and arrowmattik vinnegar, and shoold hav bean litterrally starvd to deth if it hadent Bean for Mr Green galantly throing an emty Balast bag over my sholders. Ass it was I cort sech a Dredtull rumatis in my arms and sholders and head and neck and all the way up my bak and all the way down my legs ass I fear I shal never be beter if I Live to 100. Mr Green now began to luk verry Blu and scamd quite in a Brown study. It was anuff to pervoke him, after thinking to mak sech a Hit and turning out nothink but Mist. Owever he kep up his sperrits ass wel as he cood and tried to inliven us by Relateing annickdotes of cillybrated hairy noughts, as he cald em, going up in baloons and tumbing rite out and breaking their neks again the clouds, or geting drowned in the meddittyrainyan. Mr G. now teting us that we was geting abuv the clouds we agen began to get our spighing glases in order. But bean at mist below and al ski abuv their was nothink to spi at but the sun and having onfortnatly neglected to bring smoked glases with us we was soon obliged to giv up from watery eyes, and am sory to ad hav ad a weeknes in my site cver sins. Mr G. owever was verry amewsing and compaird us to eagles, and to say the truth I began to feel verry peckish. In consequents of wich serchng for my ridicule baskit wich had fel among the balast bags am sory to say I of em had bust and converted al my bred and beaf into nothink but sand-wiches. In this maner we continued to sale along for a considerable time. But I coodent elp thinking Mr Green was out of his debth and didnt no wear he was, tho he pertended to be quite contrary, and Mrs C. G. who sat next to me wispring that she was afraide we shoold never get down agen I visperd in return that I began to think it was al up with us. Mr C. G. askng wat we was thinking about so earnest we told him that being so hi up made us feel rather Down, and perposed returning, upon wich another gentelmen puling out his wach sed it was Hi time. So Mr G. kindly givng his ascent to our desecut we proceeded to Let ourselves down, and in a verry litel time was within a stoues thro of terror firmer. We alited in the most picturessk maner in the midel of a bog near Rochester into wich I was onfortnatly pitched by the baloons giving a sudden Bounce on coming in contract with the erth, But geting up found I had Brcke no lims, haveing forty-natly fel up to my midl in a quagmire Wich thus ended one of the most hnteresting days of my life.

"So no more (ballooning) at Present
"from Mr Hediter
"your unble to Comand

"Pescip—forgot to menshan Mr Greens interesting diskovrys relating to the currence in the uper regens and the advantiges of wether cocks insted of mariners kunnapses in voyaging aboard of baloons Al wich I ope he wil hav a hoper-tunaty of Laying befor the ous of comons wen the currency question cums before it agen—for wich purpos I beg to Reccomend him for the Air burrows. Sir plens not to Put my real name—He never forgiv you if you do—s I particularly wish to preserve my animosity.
"Yours and-cetterra."

David Colburn Randall.

On Monday afternoon Mr. Green made an ascent in the Royal Nassau balloon from Salford, Manchester, accompanied by Mr. Taylor, one of the proprietors of the gasworks there. The afternoon was exceedingly fine and clear. The Countess of Wilton, her children, and several friends, Lady Frances Egerton, and many fashionables, were present. A military band was in attendance. Half-past three o'clock was the hour fixed upon, but owing to a scarcity of gas, or the gas not being of the best quality for such a purpose, they did not start until past five o'clock, when the rope which held them to the earth was cut, and the balloon with the intrepid aeronauts rose steadily and majestically. The wind being very gentle, they remained in view a considerable time. The persons present to witness this interesting sight were kept in a state of great suspense for a few seconds, owing to one of the workmen being carried up holding by the rope which had just liberated the balloon; whether this was accidental, or whether the man did so for the sake of the trip, we know not, but he certainly was in great danger for a few seconds, when he very adroitly, and with great presence of mind, climbed into the car. The number of persons assembled outside the gates and in the immediate neighbourhood was very considerable, and exceeded any thing of the kind we ever witnessed. The rush afterwards was dreadful, and the shrieks of women and children, and the continual cry of "My child! my child!" were distressing to hear; nevertheless, we are happy to say we have not heard of any accident. The balloon descended at six o'clock, near Poynton Park, the property of Lady Vernon, which is about 14 miles from Manchester. 19 Oct 1837



BALLOON ASCENT.—The first of the present season of the "Royal Vauxhall Nassau Balloon," is announced to take place on Friday afternoon next, at the "Royal Property," under the superintendence of the intrepid and experienced aeronaut, Mr. Green. The car is commodiously fitted up for the reception of ten voyagers; and there is little doubt, should the weather prove propitious, that the whole will be taken by parties who, sated with the monotonous dulness of these lower regions, are daring enough to explore in the broad expanse above for novelty and change. With so skilful a pilot as Mr. Green, a pleasant aerial trip may be safely calculated upon. *8 May 1837*

VAUXHALL.—The ascent of the balloon announced for Friday did not take place, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. The proverb that "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good" has, however, been verified in this instance; for the gigantic balloon is to ascend to-morrow and Tuesday next, and the admission to the gardens on those occasions is to be reduced to 1s. *May 16. 1837*

ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.

FIRST ASCENT THIS SEASON,

OF THE

VAUXHALL NASSAU

ROYAL

BALLOON

AT SIX O'CLOCK,

NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1837.

THE unprecedented Journey performed in November last by this splendid BALLOON, and the extraordinary interest and astonishment excited thereby in every quarter of the globe, would render any description of it or its powers here quite unnecessary; suffice it to say, that after having made two most successful Ascents in the French Capital, which were witnessed by more than one half the inhabitants of Paris, it has arrived in England without receiving the slightest injury, and will Ascend for the First Time this Season at Six o'Clock on FRIDAY NEXT, MAY 12th,

Under the Superintendence of Mr. GREEN.

The same Car in which the adventurous Aeronauts crossed the Channel will be used, and there will be

SEATS FOR TEN PERSONS!

During the recess, the Proprietors have made very numerous alterations in the Gardens, in order to render them more suitable for a place of Day Entertainment, but particularly with a view to give the public every facility for viewing the Inflation and Ascent of the ROYAL BALLOON, for which purpose an extensive Shrubbery has been removed and a wide space thrown open for the accommodation of the Spectators, in which 25,000 Persons can watch the preparations without inconvenience.

At the extremity of the Balloon Ground has been erected (90 feet in height) a Gigantic Representation of the celebrated

ARC DE L'ETOILE,

AT PARIS, RAISED IN HONOR OF NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE.

In the Saloon, at one end of the Quadrangle,

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF VENICE

HAS BEEN PAINTED BY MR. COCKS.

THE HERMIT & DARK WALKS are tastefully arranged with SHRUBBERIES, STATUES, FOUNTAINS, &c., similar to those in the NEW ITALIAN WALK, which will be thrown open to the Visitors.

THE SURREY YEOMANRY BAND, under the Direction of Mr. WALLACE, and a FULL QUADRILLE BAND, will attend.

THE OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS WILL BE DULY ANNOUNCED.

Applications for Seats in the Car to be made at the Gardens.

TERMS,---For Ladies . . £10:10s.---Gentlemen . . £21

The Doors will be opened at THREE o'Clock, & the Balloon will start exactly at SIX. Admission, 2s. 6d.

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BALLOON

AT SIX O'CLOCK,
NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1837.

THE unprecedented Journey performed in November last by this splendid BALLOON, and the extraordinary interest and astonishment excited thereby in every quarter of the globe, would render any description of it or its powers here quite unnecessary; suffice it to say, that after having made two most successful Ascents in the French Capital, which were witnessed by more than one half the inhabitants of Paris, it has arrived in England without receiving the slightest injury, and will Ascend for the First Time this Season at Six o'Clock on FRIDAY NEXT, MAY 12th,

Under the Superintendence of Mr. GREEN.

The same Car in which the adventurous Aeronauts crossed the Channel will be used, and there will be

SEATS FOR TEN PERSONS!

During the recess, the Proprietors have made very numerous alterations in the Gardens, in order to render them more suitable for a place of Day Entertainment, but particularly with a view to give the public every facility for viewing the Inflation and Ascent of the ROYAL BALLOON, for which purpose an extensive Shrubbery has been removed and a wide space thrown open for the accommodation of the Spectators, in which 25,000 Persons can watch the preparations without inconvenience.

At the extremity of the Balloon Ground has been erected (90 feet in height) a Gigantic Representation of the celebrated

ARC DE L'ETOILE,
AT PARIS, RAISED IN HONOR OF NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE.

In the Saloon, at one end of the Quadrangle,

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF VENICE

HAS BEEN PAINTED BY MR. COCKS.

THE HERMIT & DARK WALKS are tastefully arranged with SHRUBBERIES, STATUES, FOUNTAINS, &c., similar to those in the NEW ITALIAN WALK, which will be thrown open to the Visitors.

THE SURREY YEOMANRY BAND, under the Direction of Mr. WALLACE, and a FULL QUADRILLE BAND, will attend.

THE OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS WILL BE DULY ANNOUNCED.

Applications for Seats in the Car to be made at the Gardens.

TERMS,---For Ladies . . £10:10s.---Gentlemen . . £21

The Doors will be opened at THREE o'Clock, & the Balloon will start exactly at SIX. Admission, 2s. 6d.

REFRESHMENTS TO BE HAD IN THE GARDENS.

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
THIS DAY, at FOUR O'CLOCK, the ROYAL VAUXHALL NASSAU BALLOON will Ascend, conducted by Mr. Green. Seats in the Car for Gentlemen 21/-; Ladies 10/- 10s. A Lecture on Aerostation will be delivered in the Rotunda Theatre by W. Maugham, Esq., of the Adelaide Gallery of Practical Science. Doors open at Two, the Lecture to take place at Three. The Balloon to start at Four. Admission 2s. 6d.
The Evening's Entertainments will commence, as usual, at Nine o'clock, and include the Balloon Panorama—The Groups of Statuary—The Illuminations, Fireworks, &c.—Admission 4s. Parties can dine in the Gardens.
To-morrow (Saturday) the doors will open at Eight, and the Amusements terminate at Eleven.
On Monday next, a splendid Gala will be given in commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo.
June 16, 1837

Under the especial patronage of his Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
Open every night in the week.
The grand moving Panorama of the Balloon Voyage and the Representation of the Groups of Ancient and Modern Scripture having been both pronounced by the first artists of the metropolis and the public press to surpass by far any exhibition of the kind ever produced, they will be repeated every night in the week, together with the Concert, Illuminations, Fireworks, Views of Venice, Gothic Abbey, &c. &c.
On Saturday the doors open at eight, and the amusements terminate at eleven; other nights doors open at nine, and the Fireworks at twelve.
Admission, 4s. 10/37

A GRAND DAY FETE will be given on Friday, June 16, when the ROYAL VAUXHALL NASSAU BALLOON will ascend, and a Lecture on Aerostation given by W. Maugham, Esq., of the Adelaide Gallery of Practical Science. Doors open at two, the Lecture at three, and the Balloon to start at four.
Admission, 2s. 6d.

—On Friday Mr. Green, accompanied by Messrs. J. L. Crommelin, R. B. Barnes, P. Tracy, J. Reynolds, J. Laing, and Capt. Carnegie, made an ascent in the great Nassau Balloon from Vauxhall Gardens. The ascent was beautiful, and remained in sight for a considerable time to the gratification of the assembled thousands. The aerial voyagers descended in a turnip-field at Otley-hole farm, three miles from Hitchin, Herts, and 37 miles from London.
June 16, 1837

AEROSTATION.—On Friday afternoon, another balloon ascent took place from the Royal Vauxhall Gardens. Mr. Green was accompanied in his aerial voyage by Lord Walter Butler, Cap. Leicester, Capt. Wilnot Horton, T. Power, Esq. M.P., Cap. Tollemache, Mr. Lillyard, and Mr. C. Green. The atmosphere was unusually calm and serene, and the ascent was gradual and beautiful, beyond any former one which we have witnessed since the magnificent Nassau was launched.
June 23, 1837

THE NASSAU BALLOON.—Mr. Green ascended from Vauxhall Gardens on Friday afternoon in the "Monster Balloon," amid the cheers of thousands.—Of its descent, we give the following from a correspondent at Chobham, Surrey:—
June 23, 1837
"The inhabitants of Chobham were highly gratified on Friday evening by a sight of the large Nassau Balloon, which was seen in the air for some considerable time, and afterwards descended in Westcroft Park, the seat of Thomas Dyer, Esq. about a mile and a half from the village. An immense concourse of people collected on the occasion, many hundreds of whom had never seen a balloon in their lives before. Nor hedgcs, nor ditch, nor standing corn appeared to be an obstacle to get near to the "enormous stranger;" and the aeronauts could not have selected a more beautiful spot for their descent, and every one appeared anxious to render assistance. The following gentlemen accompanied Mr. Green: viz. Lord Tollemache, John Powell, Esq. M.P. John Bush, Esq. Capt. Horton, Foot Guards. — Fuller, Esq. and another gentleman whose name did not transpire.—In all seven persons. They ascended at a quarter before six o'clock, and descended at Chobham about five minutes past seven, being in the air about one hour and twenty minutes. The distance is about 27 miles. They describe their voyage as remarkably pleasant; and it was a beautiful sight to witness the sun setting, and reflecting on the balloon at the time of the descent. It was a singular fact, that Mr. Mumford, a resident of Chobham, was in London the day before, and his friends informed him the balloon would ascend the following day, and they had no doubt it would go to Chobham!"

THE BALLOON.—That the balloon will yet fulfil its promise, and do all that was ever expected from it as a means of scientific discovery, it might be hazardous to assert; but every ascent gives the aeronaut an increased power in the management of his machine, and that it will become a useful aid to experiment there can be no doubt. On a late ascent of the great Vauxhall Nassau balloon, Mr. Green continued to keep it depressed beneath the lowest stratum of the clouds during the whole of its transit across the site of London; he afterwards ascended to the height of 4,000 feet, and descended at his pleasure. The means of onward direction—a means of control over the propelling power will, we doubt not, soon be found.
June 25, 1837

UNDER THE ESPECIAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY,
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.



A GRAND DAY FETE

WILL BE GIVEN ON
FRIDAY NEXT, June 16, 1837,

ON WHICH OCCASION, THE
ROYAL VAUXHALL NASSAU BALLOON
WILL MAKE ITS TWELFTH ASCENT.

MR. GREEN WILL CONDUCT THE ASCENT,
It being his 232d Aerial Voyage.
Seats in the Car for 10 Persons—Gentlemen, 20 Guineas; Ladies, 10 Guineas.

In order to add to the interest of this Fête, the Proprietors have made arrangements to have a

LECTURE ON AEROSTATION,
In the ROTUNDA THEATRE, previous to the Ascent, which will be delivered by W. MAUGHAM, Esq., Lecturer on Natural Philosophy and Chemistry at the Adelaide Gallery of Practical Science. The Lecture will be illustrated by Diagrams, Miniature Balloons, &c. &c., and the Science of Aerostation completely and familiarly explained. Private Boxes in the Theatre may be obtained on application at the Gardens.

The ITALIAN WALK will be thrown open. The Real WATER-MILL—HERMIT—GOTHIC ABBEY—VIEW OF VENICE—BAY OF NAPLES, &c. &c., will also be exhibited.

The splendid BAND OF THE SURREY YEOMANRY, and a FULL QUADRILLE BAND, will attend.

Doors open at TWO. The Lecture to commence at THREE; and the Balloon to start at FOUR. Admission, 2s. 6d.
PARTIES MAY DINE IN THE GARDENS.

** THE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AS USUAL.
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SEATS IN THE CAR,
Gentlemen 20 Guineas—Ladies 10 Guineas

VAUXHALL.



DOORS OPEN AT TWO O'CLOCK.
ADMISSION, 2s. 6d.

Mr. GREEN will make ANOTHER ASCENT in the
Royal Vauxhall Nassau Balloon
NEXT FRIDAY, June 23, 1837.

** The Evening's Entertainment as usual—To commence at Nine o'Clock. Admission, 4s.
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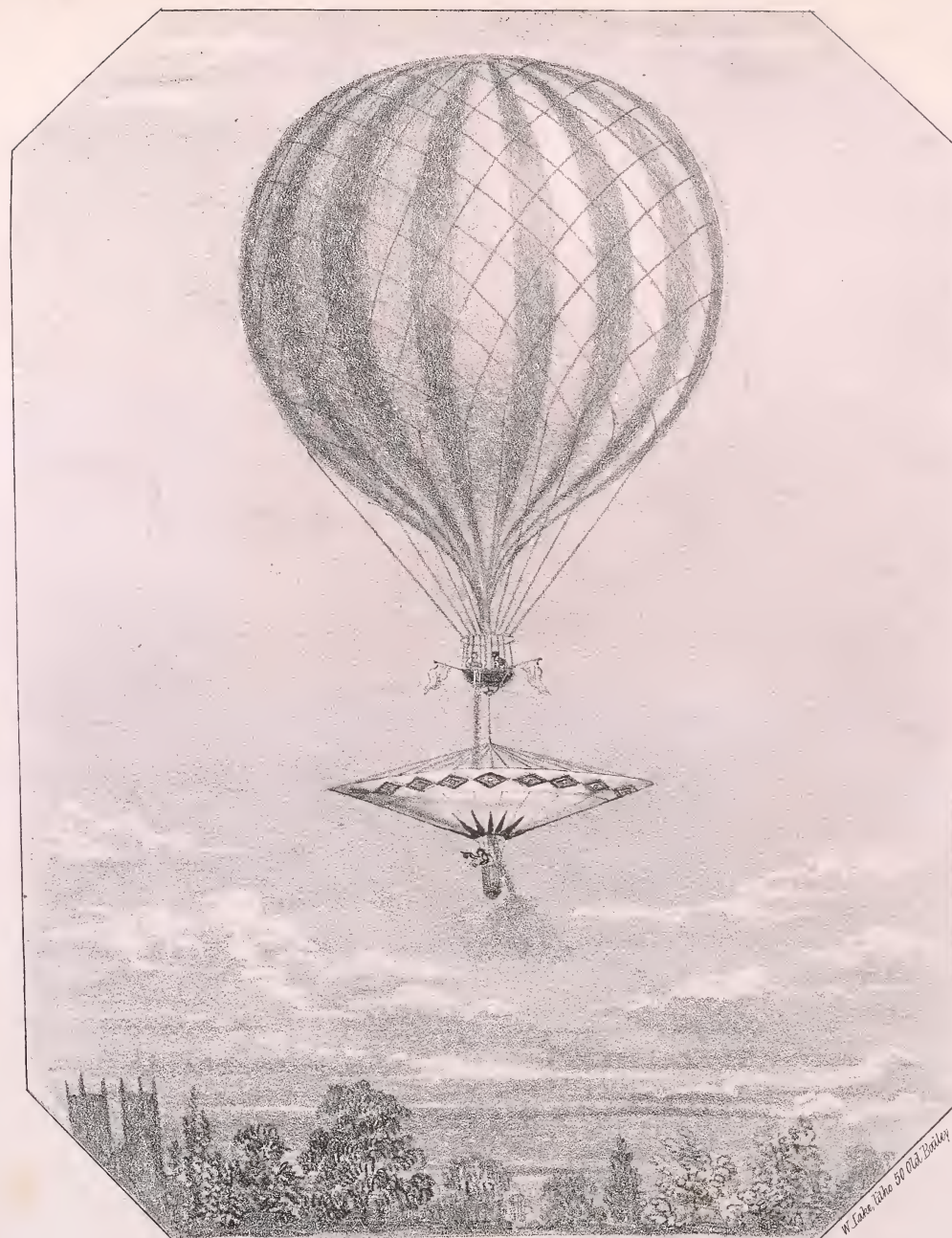
MR. EDWARD SPENCER.

Born May 8th 1799.

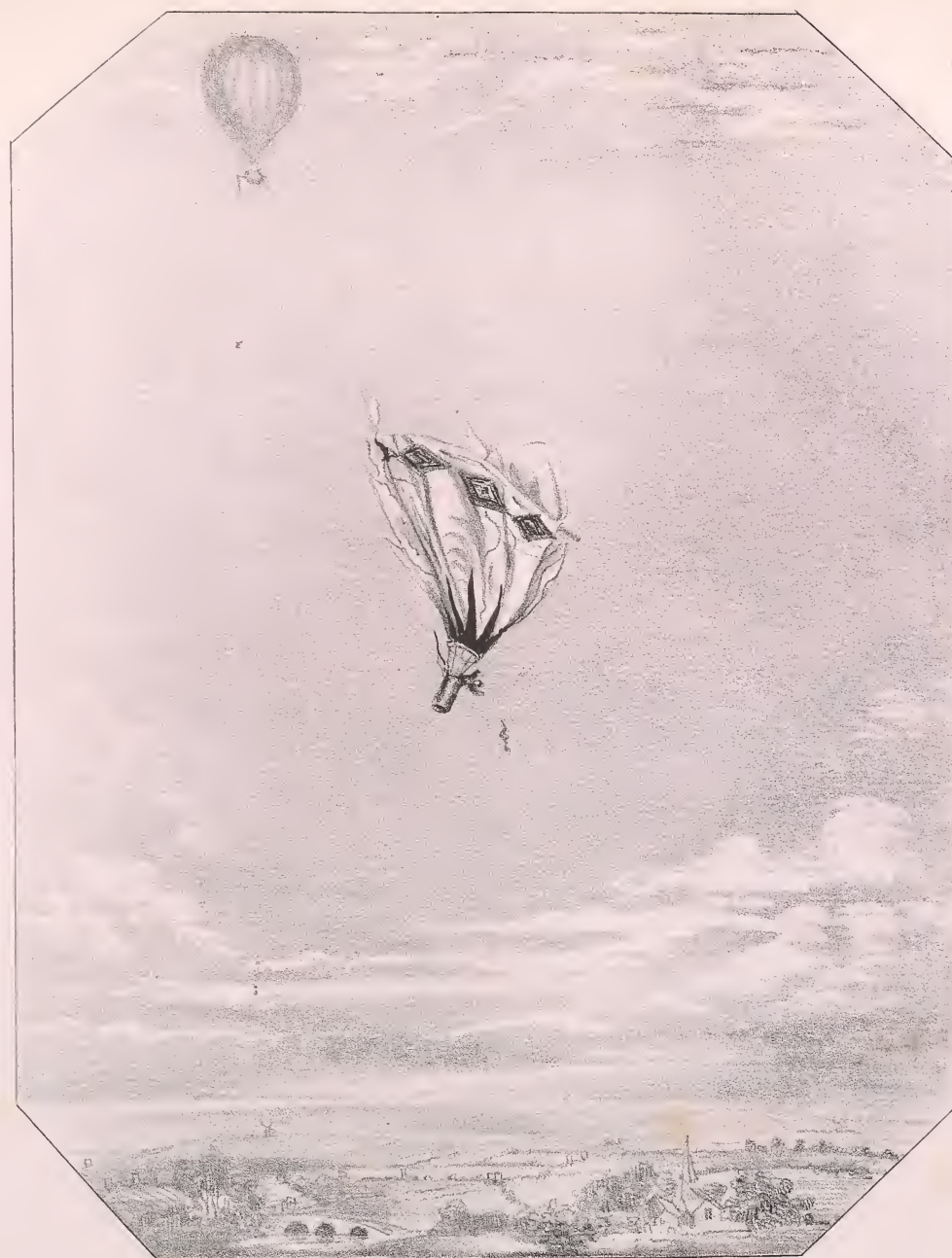
Who accompanied Mr Charles Green, in that fatal Parachute experiment, at Mr Robert Cocking's, July 24th 1837, from Vauxhall Gardens.— And has made Twenty seven ascents with Mr Green, up to this date, August 24th 1839.

Edward Spencer

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*The Ascent of the Royal Nassau Balloon from Vauxhall,
with the Parachute attached.*



*The fatal Descent of the Parachute by which
Mr Cocking lost his life.*

The Sketch taken by an Eye-witness

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UNDER THE DIRECT PATRONAGE OF HER MAJESTY,
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
GRAND DAY FETE,
NEXT MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1837.

ASCENT OF THE
Royal Vauxhall Nassau Balloon!
AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS FOR
ONE SHILLING!

The Proprietors of Vauxhall, anxious, previous to the close of the present Season, to allow every class of the Public to witness an Ascent of their Royal Nassau Balloon, have determined on giving a Grand DAY FETE, at the very low Price of Admission of ONE SHILLING!



THE DOORS
Will be opened at ONE O'CLOCK.



AMUSEMENTS DURING
THE WHOLE AFTERNOON.

A VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT will be given in the open Orchestra.
A DRAMATIC PIECE, called "STAGE TRICKS," will be performed in the Theatre, which will be lighted as at Night; also,
THE ASTONISHING FEATS of M. DE LA TOUR, M. DE LA VIGNE, and their SONS.
THE SURREY YEOMANRY and QUADRILLE BANDS will attend.
THE ITALIAN WALK will be thrown open.—THE SWISS REAL WATER MILL—
THE GOTHIC ABBEY—VIEW OF VENICE, &c. &c. will all be shown.
The Ascent will be conducted by Mr. GREEN. Seats in the Car for Gentlemen, £21; Ladies, £10: 10s.
Doors open at One. Balloon ascends at Half-past Five. Admission, ONE SHILLING.
The Evening's Entertainments will be given separately, as usual.

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Under the direct Patronage of her Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT AT ONE SHILLING.
These Gardens will close for the season on Saturday, August 19; and in order to give to all classes of persons an opportunity of being present at the Grand Entertainments prepared to commemorate the accession of her Majesty to the throne, the proprietors intend to repeat that FETE to-morrow, August 14, August 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 (being the last nights of the season) and to admit the public on those occasions at
ONE SHILLING EACH PERSON.
For full particulars of the Fêtes see the bills of the day.
Doors open at Eight—Admission, One Shilling.
GRAND DAY FETE TO-MORROW.
ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON AT ONE SHILLING.
The Proprietors of Vauxhall, anxious, previous to the close of the present season, to allow every class of the Public to witness an ascent of their Royal Nassau Balloon, have determined on giving a Grand Day Fête to-morrow, Monday, Aug. 14, at the very low price of admission of One Shilling. A variety of amusements will be given during the whole afternoon.
Doors open at One—Admission, One Shilling.

THEATRICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The proprietors of Vauxhall Gardens have commenced their sessional series of shilling nights. On Monday, at a day fete, Mr. Green ascended in the grand Nassau Balloon, and, descending safely at Horsley-park, returned to the royal gardens before midnight. During the flight of the great balloon, Mrs. Graham rose from Hoxton and Mr. Green's brother from Paddington; and the day being unusually clear, the rare sight of three balloons was perfectly afforded to the spectators, who assembled in multitudes at every favourable point. Never, on any previous occasion, has the Royal Nassau Balloon, during its progress, kept so low a degree of altitude as on the occasion of its ascent from Vauxhall Gardens on Monday last. At no period of the ascent were the cords which connect the ponderous machine with that fragile tenement of human beings, the car, invisible to the naked eye, and after crossing the Thames the grappling-iron and its connecting rope were distinctly visible. So low was the balloon when passing over Brompton and Kensington, that hundreds of persons proceeded to the fields at the rear of Kensington-crescent, anticipating that the aeronauts meditated a descent there. So at Chiswick, crowds of persons ran to the Duke of Devonshire's park, conceiving that the descent would there take place. The first attempt, however, at descent made by Mr. Green was in a large open field belonging to Mr. James Stanbrough, the miller, at Isleworth; but, no person being near, before assistance could be obtained, a sudden gust of wind, there having previously been almost a calm, wafted them towards Hounslow; when, after passing over Spring-grove, the residence of Henry Pownall, Esq., the late candidate for Middlesex, Mr. Green determined on descending in Osterley Park, the seat of Lord Jersey, situated between Hounslow and Norwood. Mr. Green's intention was to effect his descent on the open lawn between the mansion and a splendid lake which runs through the park, but unfortunately the grapple caught in the upper branches of a venerable and stupendous elm tree, which rendered the situation of the aeronauts most perilous. Mr. Green at first endeavoured to extricate the grapple, but the weight of the balloon soon tore away the branch on which it had first fixed, when it more firmly adhered to the trunk of the tree, while the balloon, being beat about by the wind, threatened every moment to tear the tree up by the roots. The escape of the gas having, however, been effected, the car ultimately remained fixed like a nest among the top branches, its full-fledged inmates, much to the amusement of those below, climbing its sides and sitting across its rim.

BALLOON ASCENTS.—Yesterday afternoon Mr. Green made an ascent from Vauxhall-gardens in the Royal Nassau Balloon. At an early hour a very large number of persons had assembled, and in the course of the afternoon, it is said, no less than 7,000 persons paid for admission. About a quarter past six, the inflation of the balloon having been completed, Mr. Green stepped into the car, accompanied by five gentlemen—Mr. Gye, Mr. E. Hughes, Mr. Bish, Captain Polhill, and a gentleman whose name we could not learn. All the necessary arrangements being completed, Mr. Green gave the signal, and the immense machine rose most majestically amid the cheers of the admiring spectators, taking a north-westerly direction; and, there being but little wind, remained in sight a very long time.—Mrs. Graham likewise made an ascent from the Rosemary Branch, Hoxton, and a brother of Mr. Green from the Yorkshire Stingo, Paddington; and, about half an hour after the ascent of the Vauxhall balloon, the whole of the three were distinctly visible from the bridges and from many parts of the metropolis. Mrs. Graham and her companions descended within a quarter of a mile of the spot of her former descent, and in a field the property of Sir Countess Trotter, near Kensall-green. The anchor caught in a hedge, when several persons ran to the assistance of the aeronauts. The balloon was then released of its gaseous contents, shortly after which it was placed in the car, with which the whole of the party returned in a post-chaise to the Rosemary Branch, where they arrived between ten and eleven o'clock the same night.—

BALLOONS.
Yesterday afternoon Vauxhall-gardens were opened to the public at the charge of 1s., to witness the ascent of the Nassau balloon. The Surrey yeomanry band was in attendance, and played at intervals in the course of the afternoon. About a quarter past six the inflation of the balloon having been completed, Mr. Green stepped into the car, accompanied by five gentlemen—Mr. Gye (one of the proprietors of the gardens), Mr. Edward Hughes (son of the other proprietor), Mr. Bish, Captain Polhill, and a gentleman whose name we could not learn. All the necessary arrangements having been completed, Mr. Green gave the signal, and the immense machine rose most majestically amid the cheers of the spectators, taking a north-westerly direction, and there being but little wind, remained in sight a very considerable period. Mrs. Graham likewise made an ascent from the Rosemary Branch, Hoxton; and Mr. E. Green, from the Yorkshire Stingo, at Paddington; and about half an hour after the ascent of the Vauxhall balloon, the whole of the three were distinctly visible from the bridges and many parts of the metropolis.
The proprietors of the gardens permitted such of the company as were so disposed, to remain and witness the entertainments of the evening without any additional charge.
DESCENT OF THE ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON.—After a very pleasant voyage, the aeronauts effected a safe landing in Horsley Park, between Brentford-end and Hounslow, the seat of Lord Jersey, and arrived at the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Under the direct Patronage of her Majesty.
ROYAL GARDENS, VAUXHALL.
ONE WEEK MORE.
The proprietors had intended to have closed the Gardens last evening, but in consequence of the unprecedented concourse of visitors during the past week, they are induced to give six more Gales, viz. To-morrow, August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26th, which night will be the last of the season. Admission, ONE SHILLING.
DAY FETE.
To-morrow, Monday, Aug. 21, a Day Fête will take place, when, in addition to Mr. Green's ascent with the Royal Nassau Balloon, a variety of other amusements will be given.
Doors open at One—Admission, One Shilling.

VAUXHALL.
Yesterday afternoon another grand day fete was given at the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, the principal attraction of which was the ascent of Mr. Green and a large party of gentlemen, in his Royal Nassau Balloon. Notwithstanding the threatening state of the weather at the approach of evening, a vast concourse of persons assembled in the gardens (we should think about seven or eight thousand).
About half-past six the inflation of the balloon having been completed, Mr. Green took his place in the car, and was immediately followed by six gentlemen—Mr. Richard Hughes (a son of one of the proprietors of the gardens), a Mr. Finch, Capt. Polhill (who accompanied Mr. Green on his last voyage), Dr. Seymour, Capt. Blakesley, and Mr. Carttar (the coroner).
All the arrangements being complete, Mr. Green gave the signal, and there being a smart wind blowing at the time, the immense machine rose most rapidly, taking a north-easterly direction, passing directly over the metropolis, and in a few minutes was out of sight.
The proprietors issued a notice in the gardens granting permission to the company who wished to stay, to remain in the gardens and witness the entertainments of the evening, without any additional charge.
DESCENT OF THE ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON.—After a very pleasant voyage of 49 minutes, they effected a landing at High Ongar, in Essex, 27 miles from Vauxhall, and experienced great kindness and hospitality from the Rev. J. Earle. The party returned to town by post, and arrived at the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, by ten minutes past one this morning. The field in which they made the descent, is only two miles from the spot where Mrs. Graham met with her sad accident on the occasion of her ascent with the Duke of Brunswick, yesterday twelvemonth.

1837
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16.

DESCENT OF THE ROYAL NASSAU BALLOON.

Never, on any previous occasion, has this balloon, during its progress, kept so low a degree of altitude, as on the occasion of its ascent from Vauxhall Gardens on Monday last. So low was the balloon when passing over Brompton and Kensington, that hundreds of persons proceeded to the fields at the rear of Kensington-crescent, anticipating that the aeronauts meditated a descent there. So at Chiswick, crowds of persons ran to the Duke of Devonshire's park, conceiving that the descent would there take place. The first attempt, however, at descent made by Mr. Green, was in a large open field belonging to Mr. James Stanbrough, the miller, at Isleworth; but a sudden gust of wind wafted them towards Hounslow, when Mr. Green determined on descending in Osterley Park, the seat of Lord Jersey, situated between Hounslow and Norwood. His intention was to effect his descent on the open lawn between the mansion and a splendid lake, which runs through the park, but unfortunately the grapple caught in the upper branches of a stupendous elm tree, which rendered the situation of the aeronauts most perilous. The escape of the gas having, however, been effected, the car ultimately remained fixed like a nest among the top branches, its full-fledged inmates, much to the amusement of those below, climbing its sides, and sitting across its rim.

Mr. Trumper (Lord Jersey's steward), Mr. Ellis, of Osterley-gardens, and a number of other gentlemen of the neighbourhood, were immediately on the spot, and used their utmost exertions to relieve the gentlemen from their unpleasant situation, which was no easy task, the tree being upwards of 80 feet high. After numerous attempts, Messrs. Green, Gye, and Hughes, succeeded in descending the tree and reaching terra firma, followed soon after by Capt. Polhill; but the fifth "intrepid aeronaut," although undaunted while going through boundless space, was so nervous at the idea of descending the tree, that he was not "safely landed" until 20 minutes to 10 o'clock, when Mr. Trumper, having procured some builder's ladders, and scaled them together, the "gallant gentleman" made his descent, "amid the cheers of the assembled multitude."
Mr. Green, finding all his efforts to extricate the car from its lofty situation perfectly vain, contented himself in securing the balloon, and took up his quarters for the night at the Coach and Horses inn; and yesterday morning, by the aid of a number of workmen, the car was got down, and safely, with the balloon, packed in a spring van, and conveyed to Vauxhall Gardens.

THE NASSAU BALLOON.
An ascent of this stupendous machine was made on Monday from Vauxhall Gardens. Dr. Simon was one of the aeronauts and we have been favoured with the following rather rambling but not uninteresting description of the voyage:—

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM J. P. SIMON, M.D., TO MR. LITHEAL.
"My dear Sir—You have seen, I presume, an account of our safe, but rather rough, descent at High Ongar. The statement in the Times and Standard are most correct. The Chronicle and Herald committed a blunder in calling me Seymour, instead of Simon. Our journey was only of too short a duration for the marvellous scenes to be observed by the aeronauts. We sank so rapidly into the clouds that we soon lost sight of land, but had a limited view of London, even through the dense fogs, of the Thames, the high roads, the woods, the fields, and of the cattle that looked like so many specks, the rapidity of our course changing the scenes like magic. It was the most heavenly voyage that mortal can conceive. I was not afraid, but in ecstasies. The altitude we attained was, as calculated by our able and experienced captain, 4,369 feet, at which height we drank to the health of my once royal pupil in physical science, the Queen, then of our captain, Mr. Green, and of ourselves, and a safe return and success to the Royal Nassau Balloon.

"Had I time I could write a book on all I learned during a voyage of about fifty minutes! We effected our landing safe, but not without a most tremendous shock when the balloon was suddenly checked in its rapid course, but, as we were warned by our gallant captain, Mr. Green, we held fast, and no accident whatever occurred to the crew, from all I saw.

"Would you ever conceive that a gentleman—it is true—of the name, I believe, of Mr. Palmer, of High Ongar, in Essex, came and claimed 3s. for the damage done to his corn, of which, being nearly ready to cut, and the rain falling, there could have been very little lost? Any gentleman would have felt proud to have had the honour of receiving the Royal Nassau Balloon into his own corn field. But he had not in his heart the hospitality which the Rev. Mr. Earl showed to us.

"The pulse of the captain was strong, and beat 112 in the minute. I only regret that I had no opportunity of trying it again when we arrived at the earth.

"My pocket compass-magnet was of no use except to point out the direction in which we went, but I hope next season, if spared, I shall have a set of instruments ready to try to establish a fact that has not yet been ascertained. I wish I could try the dip at five miles altitude. I think that the needle will be there affected by more than half a degree. I wish I had time to tell you more, and the names of the places above which we passed.

"When we left the barometer stood at 30.12 inches, and the lowest point to which it fell was 26.5 inches. We left at thirty-five minutes past six by my watch, and came out of the car at twenty minutes past seven o'clock. More than 100 men pulled at the rope thrown out for them, and were driven to and fro notwithstanding, by the force of the agitated balloon, the wind being then very high. It took full an hour and a quarter to remove the gas and secure the balloon. All I can say is that I wish I was in Mr. Green's place, that is to say, that I might ascend as often as himself. * * *

"Believe me, dear Sir,
"Yours very sincerely, "J. P. SIMON."

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK BUT ONE OF

ASTLEY'S ENTERTAINMENTS!!

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Westminster Bridge.—Under the Management of Messrs. DUCROW & WEST Jun.

This Present **TUESDAY, September 29th, 1835**, and Every Evening during the Week, will be continued the Grand Equestrian Fete and Novel Entertainments, produced for the First Time for Mr. DUCROW, S BENEFIT, on MONDAY last, commencing at a Quarter-past Six with the

Ascension
OF THE
INFANT FAVORITE
ON HIS
LITTLE FAIRY PONY
FROM THE
STAGE
TO THE
Gallery,
IN A



BEAUTIFUL
VARIEGATED
HORSE
BALLOON
On the top of which **M. ANDREE**
will **STAND**
ON HIS HEAD

The Balloon will return to the Stage and be decorated after the Model of the one in which the Horse and Aeronaut ascended in **PARIS.**

After the above, for the 2nd Time this Season, and by desire, will be represented the Grand Military Spectacle of the

BATTLE OF WATERLOO!

With all its Original Splendour and Effects.
Emperor Napoleon—Mr. GOMERSAL, The Original & Striking Portraiture of the Emperor.—Mr. Gomersal has kindly tendered his services to complete the ensemble of the Spectacle.] General Nemont, Mr. HARRIS. Marshal Ney, Mr. J. WILLIAMS. Marshal Blucher, Mr. NEEDHAM. General Grouchy, Mr. WIDDICOMBE. Antonia, Mr. FILLINGHAM. Bredowski, Mr. ADAMS. Victorie, Mr. WIDDICOMBE Jun. Konac & Drolitz Russians Molly Mollony Mr. MARSHALL. Corporal Standfast Mr. CARTLICH. His Grace the Duke of Wellington, Mr. FOSTER. Marquis of Anglesa, Mr. SMITH. Jean de Coster, Mr. LAWRENCE. Mary Cameron..(disguised as a Soldier) Miss DALY. Madame Coster, Mrs. WESTON. Marinette, Miss ENSCOE.

And, for the 2nd Time will be brought forward the **Wizard of Peru!** or THE SENATOR and

BARBARY COURSER!

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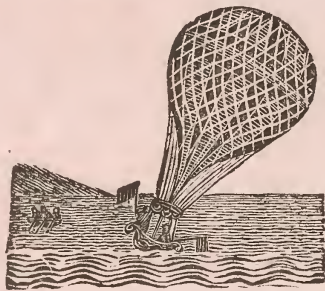
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"Great as are the merits of Mr. Green's previous discoveries, they may be said to yield in importance to that whereby he has succeeded in enabling the aeronaut to maintain the power of his balloon undiminished during the continuance of the most protracted voyage it could ever be required to perform. In order fully to comprehend the value of this discovery, which more immediately formed the object of our late enterprise, it is necessary that some idea should be had of the difficulties it was intended to obviate, and of the effects they were calculated to produce upon the further progress of aerostation. When a balloon ascends to navigate the atmosphere, independent of the loss of power occasioned by its own imperfections, an incessant waste of its resources in gas and ballast becomes the inevitable consequence of its situation. No sooner has it quitted the earth than it is immediately subjected to the influence of a variety of circumstances, tending to create a difference in its weight, augmenting or diminishing, as the case may be, the power by the means of which it is supported. The deposition or evaporation of humidity to the extent, in proportion to its size, of several hundred weight; the alternate heating and cooling of its gaseous contents by the remoteness or interposition of clouds between the object itself and the influence of the solar rays, with a variety of other more secret though no less powerful agencies, all so combine to destroy the equilibrium which it is the main object of the aeronaut to preserve, that scarcely a moment passes without some call for his interposition, either to check the descent of the balloon by the ejection of ballast, or to control the ascent by the proportionate discharge of gas: a process by which, it is unnecessary to observe, the whole power of the balloon, however great its dimensions, must in time be exhausted, and sooner or later terminate its career by succumbing to the laws of terrestrial gravitation. By the simple contrivance of a rope of the requisite magnitude and extent, trailing on the ground beneath (and, if over the sea, with a sufficient quantity of liquid ballast, contained in vessels floating on its surface), have all these difficulties been overcome, and all the features of the art completely and effectually reversed. Harnessed to the earth or ocean by a power too great for her to resist, it is in vain the balloon endeavours to change the level of her course; every foot she would have been otherwise compelled to add to her elevation now only adds to her weight by her endeavours to abstract from the earth a further portion of that rope which is dependent upon its surface: while, on the other hand, every foot she would have been inclined to descend, had she been at liberty as heretofore, now only abstracts from the weight which draws her downwards, by throwing on the earth the labour of supporting an additional portion of the guide rope, which she would otherwise have had to sustain without relief. Limited by one unalterable plane all the fluctuations above-mentioned, whereby her irreparable stock of power became subjected to incessant waste have thus completely been avoided, and not only her ascensive force maintained in its full vigour throughout a period determinable solely by her own imperfections, but at all times, and under all circumstances, over the boundless ocean, without a landmark, in the densest fog, and throughout the darkest night, the exact direction of her course, as well as the very rate of her progress, determined with the utmost facility and most infallible results.* The main feature, however, in this discovery is the altered aspect under which it enables the aeronaut to regard the perils of the sea, and the consequent extension it bestows upon the hitherto limited sphere of his relations. The ocean, now no longer the dreaded enemy of the aerial voyager, becomes, at once his greatest friend; and instead

of opposing his progress, offers him advantages more certain and efficacious than even the earth itself, with all its presumed accuracy, is calculated to contribute.

"The proprietors, Messrs. Gye and Hughes, having kindly conceded the use of the great Vauxhall balloon, and of their premises, for the purpose of the ascent, after several unavoidable delays, occasioned chiefly by the weather, the day of departure was fixed for Monday, November 7, 1836, and the process of inflation having been commenced at an early hour, every thing was got ready for starting by one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

"It was at this period of our voyage that the first opportunity occurred of showing how far it was possible for the skillful and experienced aeronaut to influence the course of his aerial vessel, by availing himself of the advantages which circumstances frequently placed at his disposal. Shortly after we had lost sight of the city of Canterbury a considerable deviation appeared to have taken place in the direction of our route. Instead of pursuing our former line, of south by east, which was that of the upper current, by means of which we had hitherto advanced, it became apparent that we were now rapidly bearing away upon one which tended considerably to the northward, and which, had we continued to remain within the limits of its influence, would have shortly brought us to sea, in the direction of the North Foreland. As it had all along been an object to proceed as near to Paris as circumstances would permit, we resolved to recover as soon as possible the advantages which a superior current had hitherto afforded us, and accordingly rose, to resume a station upon our previous level. Nothing could exceed the beauty of this manoeuvre, or the success with which the balloon acknowledged the influence of her former associate. Scarcely had the superfluous Luthien been discharged proportioned to the effect required, when slowly she arose, and sweeping majestically round the horizon, obedient to the double impulse of her increasing elevation, and the gradual change of current, brought us successively in sight of all those objects which we had shortly before left retiring behind us, and in a few minutes placed us almost vertically over the castle of Dover, in the exact direction of crossing the straits between that town and Calais, where it is confined within its narrowest limits.

"It was forty-eight minutes past four when the first line of waves breaking on the beach appeared beneath us, and we might be said to have fairly quitted the shores of our native soil, and entered upon the hitherto dreaded regions of the sea.

"Not a sound now reached our ears; the beating of the waves upon the British shores had already died away in silence, and from the ordinary effects of terrestrial agitation our present position had effectually excluded us."

"In this situation we prepared to avail ourselves of these contrivances, the merits of which, as I have already stated, it was one of the main objects of our expedition to ascertain; and consequently, to provide against the loss of power by the increase of weight proceeding from the humidity of the atmosphere naturally to be expected on the approach of night, we commenced lowering the copper vessels we had provided for the occasion.

"Scarcely, however, had we completed our design, and were patiently awaiting the descent we had anticipated, when the faint sound of the waves beating against the shore again returned upon our ears and awakened our attention. The first impression which this event was calculated to convey was that the wind had changed, and that we were in the act of returning to the shores we had so shortly before abandoned. A glance or two however served to show us the fallacy of this impression; the well-known lights of Calais and of the neighbouring shores were already glittering beneath us; the barrier of clouds which I have before mentioned as starting up so abruptly in our path as abruptly terminated; and the whole adjacent coast of France, variegated with lights, and rife with all the nocturnal signs of population, burst at once upon our view.

"It was exactly fifty minutes past five when we had thoroughly completed this *trajet*; the point at which we first crossed the French shore bearing distant about two miles to the westward of the main body of the lights of Calais, our altitude at the time being somewhat about three thousand feet above the level of the ocean.

"We did not experience any diminution of ascensive power in our transit across the sea, beyond what we should have expected under similar circumstances over a similar extent of land.

"The cold during this part of the night especially was certainly intense, as could be perceived not less from the indications of the thermometer (ranging variously from within a few degrees below the point of congelation) than from the effects which it produced upon the different liquors wherewith we were provided. The water, coffee, and of course the oil in our several vessels were completely frozen; and it was only by the actual application of the heat of the lamp that we were enabled to procure a sufficiency of the latter to supply our wants during the long term of darkness to which we were about to be subjected.

"Strange however as it may appear, while all around bore such unequivocal testimony to the severity of the cold, the effects produced upon our persons, undisturbed as they were by any extraordinary precautions, were by no means commensurate to the cause, nor such as even under ordinary circumstances we might fairly have expected to encounter. The reason to which may be attributed this unusual exemption from the consequences of a low temperature is the absence of all current of air, the natural result of our situation, and one of the peculiar characteristics of aerial navigation."

"To this intensity of cold, preceded by a long subjection to the action of a humid atmosphere while floating at a lower elevation, is likewise to be attributed the occurrence of an incident which, for the impression it is calculated to produce upon the minds of those who experience it for the first time, and in ignorance of its cause, merits particularly to be noticed. It was about half-past three in the morning, when the balloon having gained a sudden accession of power, owing to a discharge of ballast which had taken place a few minutes before, while navigating too near the earth to be considered perfectly safe in a country with the main features of which we were totally unacquainted, began to rise with considerable rapidity, and ere we had taken the customary means to check her ascent had already attained an elevation of upwards of twelve thousand feet. At this moment, while all around was impenetrable darkness and stillness, and darkness most profound, an unusual explosion issued from the machine above, followed instantaneously by a violent rustling of the silk, and all the signs which may be supposed to accompany the bursting of the balloon, in a region where nothing but itself exists to give occasion to such awful and unnatural disturbance. In the same instant the car, as if suddenly detached from its hold, becomes subjected to a violent concussion, and appears at once to be in the act of sinking with all its contents into the dark abyss below. A second and a third explosion follow in quick succession, accompanied by a recurrence of the same astounding effects, leaving not a doubt upon the mind of the unconscious voyager of the fate which nothing now appears capable of averting. In a moment after all is tranquil and secure; the balloon has recovered her usual form and stillness, and nothing appears to designate the unnatural agitation to which she has been so lately and unaccountably subjected. The occurrence of this phenomenon, however strange it may appear, is nevertheless susceptible of the simplest resolution, and consists in the tendency to enlargement from remoteness of pressure which the balloon experiences in rising from a low to a higher position in the atmosphere, and the resistance to this enlargement occasioned by the net-work previously saturated with moisture, and subsequently congealed into the elliptical form which the dependant weight of the car obliges it to assume whenever the shrunken capacity of the sphere it encompasses will admit of its longitudinal distention: as this resistance is occasioned by the intervention of a non-elastic medium (the ice) which has bound the meshes of the net-work in their contracted form, it is evident that the liberation occasioned by their rupture will not take place until the internal pressure of the balloon has reached a certain amount; when suddenly that liberation is accomplished, attended by those collateral effects which we have already attempted to describe. The impression of the descent of the car in the above representation is evidently a false one; the car, so far from sinking, actually springs up; it is the unexpectedness of such a movement, and its apparent inconsistency with the laws of gravitation, that occasions the delusion, the reality of which the concomitant circumstances essentially tend to confirm.

"Several times during the latter part of the night we had approached so near the earth as to be enabled to observe, imperfectly it is true, some of the most prominent of its features, and to obtain some faint idea of the nature of the ground beneath us. At those times we appeared to be traversing large tracts of country partially covered with snow, diversified with forests, and intersected occasionally with rivers, of which the Meuse in the earlier part of the night, and the Rhine towards the conclusion, formed, as we afterwards learned, the principal objects of our admiration and of our conjectures.

"Large masses of fleecy clouds would at times likewise occupy the lower regions of the atmosphere, intercepting our view as we descended, and for a while leaving us in doubt whether they were not a continuation of those snowy districts which we so frequently had occasion to remark.

"From out of this mass of vapours more than once during the night our ears became assailed with sounds bearing so strong a resemblance to the rustling of waters in enormous volumes, or the beating of the waves upon some extensive line of coast, that it required all our power of reasoning, aided by the certain knowledge we had of the direction we were pursuing, to remove the conviction that we were approaching the precincts of the sea, and, transported by the winds, were either thrown back upon the shores of the German Ocean, or about to enter upon the remotest limits of the Baltic.

"It would be endless to enumerate all the conjectures to which this phenomenon gave rise, or the various manners by which we endeavoured to explain its occurrence.

"It was about six o'clock,* during an ascent which occurred shortly after we had crossed this river, that the balloon, having reached a considerable elevation, showed us our first view of the sun, and gladdened us with the prospect of a speedy approach of day. Powerful indeed must be the power which could do justice to a scene like that which here presented itself to our view.

"This splendid spectacle however we were not long destined to enjoy; a rapid descent, which shortly after ensued, for a while concealed it from our view, once more consigning us to the shades of night, which still continued to reign unbroken throughout the lower region of the air.

"Again we rose within the region of this delightful prospect; and again did we lose sight of it amid the vapours and obscurity that accompanied our descent; nor was it till we had three times made the sun rise, and twice beheld it set, that we could fairly consider it established above the horizon, and daylight complete upon the plane of the earth beneath us.

"As the region we were immediately approaching seemed to offer advantages (for the descent) which, under these circumstances, we could not always hope to command, we resolved not to lose the occasion if so opportunely appeared, to have afforded us. As soon as we had come to this determination all preparations were speedily commenced for the descent; the guide-rope was hauled in (an operation of much labour, owing to the bad construction and imperfect action of the windlass), the grapnel and cable lowered, and every thing got ready that we might be able to avail ourselves of the first and fittest opportunity that might occur. To this intent likewise we quitted our exalted station, and sought a more humble and appropriate level, along which we continued to range for some time and to a considerable distance, the very early hour of the day deterring us from completing the descent, in the fear of not obtaining that ready assistance from the inhabitants which it is always the main object of the aeronaut if possible to secure. As the mists of the night began to clear away from the surface of the soil we were delighted to perceive a country intersected with roads, dotted with villages, and enlivened with all the signs of an abundant and industrious population. One or two towns likewise of superior pretensions, were distinctly to be seen, giving promise of accommodation and advantages which, in our present emergencies and under our present convictions, were not to be neglected. Accordingly, having pitched upon the spot most proper for the purpose, the valve was opened and we commenced our descent. The place so selected was a small grassy vale of about a quarter of a mile in breadth, embosomed in hills, whose sides and summits were completely enveloped with trees. Beyond this, on the opposite side, lay another valley of the same description, the only one visible for many miles where we could conveniently effect our landing; an endless succession of forest-scenery completing the landscape in the direction in which we should have to proceed. In the former of these we now precipitated our descent, with the design of alighting, if possible, in the centre, clear of the woods that enclosed it on all sides. In these hopes we were however disappointed; the wind, suddenly increasing as we approached the ground, so much accelerated the onward progress of the balloon that before the grapnel could take effectual hold of the soil we had passed the middle of the valley, and sweeping rapidly over the ground, were borne close against the wooded declivity that flanked its eastern termination. To escape the danger of the impending danger was the natural remedy. An unexpected obstacle to this operation here again presented itself: the sand which forms the ballast, frozen during the night into a solid block of stone, refused to quit the bag in the proportion required; and no time remained to search for one more suited to the occasion. Not a moment was, in fact, to be lost; the valley was passed, and the branches of the trees that clotted the opposing precipice were already within a few feet of the balloon; the grapnel continued to drag, and no chance appeared of arresting her progress onward. In this emergency one alternative alone remained, and the sack itself, with all its contents to the amount of fifty-six pounds in weight, were at once consigned to the earth. In a moment the balloon, lightened of so large a portion of her burden, had sprung up above one thousand feet, and, clearing the mountain at a bound, was soon in rapid progress in the realms above. To counteract the consequence of this sudden accession of power, and avoid being carried beyond the reach of the second valley, which we have already described as the only other available spot for our descent, the valve was again opened, and issue given to a large quantity of gas, sufficient, as was calculated, to check the course of the balloon in time to enable us to attain the point to which all our views were now directed. A second time however we were doomed to be disappointed. No sooner had we completed this manoeuvre than by another caprice of nature, the wind suddenly abating, we found ourselves at once becalmed, and rapidly descending into the bosom of the woods that capped the summit and clothed the sides of the intervening eminences. From this dilemma we were only relieved by the timely discharge of a further portion of our weight—not however before the accelerated descent of the balloon had brought us within a cable's length of the ground,† and almost in contact with the upper surface of the wood. Here, for a few moments we continued to hover, the grapnel struggling with the topmost branches of the trees, and grasping and relinquishing its hold according to the varying impulse of the slight wind that prevailed at our elevation. While in this situation we perceived, standing in the path of the wood, two females, the first inhabitants we had noticed, lost in astonishment, and absolutely petrified with gazing upon so astounding an apparition. It was in vain we addressed them with speaking trumpet, in hopes of procuring the assistance of some of the male population, which we conjectured could not be far off: the sound of our voices, proceeding from such an altitude, and invested with such an unearthly character, only augmented their astonishment, and added to their fears; they fled incontinently, and, without waiting farther parley, sought the shelter of the neighbouring coverts.

"After continuing for a few minutes longer in these straits we at length reached the confines of the wood; when, resolving not to be again baffled in our designs by the treacherous inconstancy of the wind, the valve was opened to its fullest dimensions, and the grapnel taking hold, shortly after we came to the ground with considerable, though by no means disagreeable, rapidity."

"As soon as the descent was completed, and the power of the balloon sufficiently crippled to permit one of the party to quit the car,‡ the inhabitants, who had hitherto stood aloof, regarding our manoeuvres from behind the trees, began to flock in from all quarters: eyeing at first our movements with considerable suspicion, and not seldom looking up in the direction from which we had just alighted, in the expectation, no doubt, of witnessing a repetition of this to them inexplicable phenomenon.

"A few words in German, however, served to dissipate their fears, and secure their services; when, as if eager by present assiduity to make amends for former backwardness, they absolutely seemed to contend with each other in their exertions to afford us assistance, and execute our several behests.

"Having procured a cart and horses for the transportation of the balloon, we quitted this (to us ever memorable) spot, and, attended by an amazing concourse of persons of every rank, age, and sex, set out for Weilburg, which a few hours enabled us to attain.

"Nothing in fact could surpass the courtesy and attention that we experienced from this simple-hearted and hospitable community during the whole period of our residence at Weilburg.

"Every one seemed to vie with each other in conferring favour and contributing to our entertainment. Balls, dinners, concerts, and other amusements, in honour of our adventure, were given without intermission, and the congratulations of the city were presented to us by a deputation of the principal citizens, headed by their chief civil officer, in the form of a document duly signed and sealed by the competent authorities. Among the festive recreations to which our unexpected arrival at Weilburg gave rise, we must not omit to mention the ceremony of christening the balloon, which took place the day previous to our departure: the Baron de Bibra, Grand Maître des Eaux et Forêts, and the Colonel Baron de Freen, being the godfathers; the Baroness de Bibra and the Baroness de Dungenberg the godmothers on the occasion. The balloon having been inflated to the greatest size the dimensions of the place would admit, eight young ladies, in company with Mr. Green, entered within the gigantic sphere, and the name of 'The Great Balloon of Nassau' having been bestowed by one of their number, Mdlle. Theresa, the lovely and amiable daughter of the Baron de Bibra, accompanied by a copious libation of wine, the ceremony was concluded with a collation, consisting of our stock of provisions, which had been unconsumed at the time of our descent. * * * * *

"The concluding this hasty narrative a word or two is required concerning the success of that experiment which formed the main feature, as well as the chief object, of the expedition. This success I feel no hesitation in now declaring to be complete; and the discovery itself one the entire result of which, on the future progress of the art, it would be impossible at present to anticipate. With such an instrument as this there now seems to be no limit to the powers of aerostation—no bounds to its sphere of action. All the theoretical objections which a hasty consideration of the means might otherwise have suggested experiment has now proved to be erroneous; and perhaps the best answer that can be given to those who might be inclined to question the practicability of its employment, or cavil at its effects is, that by such means alone have been enabled, without let or hindrance, danger or difficulty, to traverse so large a portion of the European continent; descending at a distance of above five hundred miles from the place of our departure, with power enough to have enabled us, had we been so intentioned, to have continued our course throughout the whole circumference of the globe."

* The time referred to here and elsewhere throughout this narrative is that of Greenwich. Upon the completion of the voyage a difference amounting to about thirty-four minutes was found to exist between the times indicated at its two extremes; the chronometers of Weilburg being so much in advance of those of London. This difference was occasioned by the easterly direction of our course, and the difference in latitude to the extent of eight degrees twenty minutes between the two places.

† The length of the cable which the grapnel is attached is about one hundred and twenty feet.

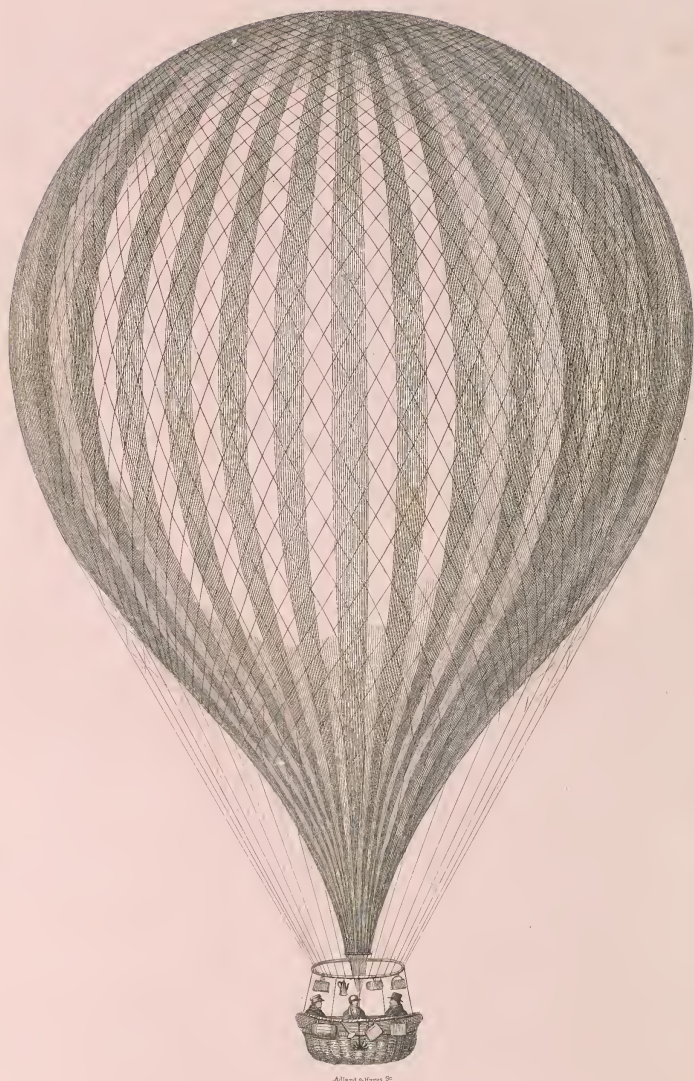
‡ Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Green, for his excellent conduct throughout the whole of this intricate pilorage.

§ It was half-past seven o'clock when this occurrence took place, and our descent could be fairly said to be completed. The duration of the voyage may therefore be calculated at exactly eighteen hours. The exact spot where the event took place was in a field adjacent to a mill, known by the name of Dillhausen, situated in the valley of Elbern, in the commune of Niederhausen, about two leagues from the town of Weilburg, already, by a curious coincidence, noted in the annals of aerostation as the place where the celebrated M. Blanchard effected his landing after an ascent which he made at Frankfurt in the year 1793.

* The progress of the guide-rope being delayed to a certain extent by its motion over the more solid plane of the earth's surface, while the movement of the balloon is as freely as ever controlled by the propelling action of the wind, it is evident that the direction of the latter, when in progress, must ever be in advance of the former; a comparison therefore of the relative positions of these two objects by means of the compass must at all times indicate the exact direction of her course; while, with equal certainty, an estimate can at once be obtained of the velocity with which she is proceeding, by observing the angle formed by the guide-rope and the vertical axis of the machine. In proportion as this angle increases, so increases the rate of the balloon may be infallibly inferred, and vice versa, its diminution will be found to correspond exactly with the diminished velocity of her advance. When the rope is dependant perpendicularly, no angle of course is formed, and the machine may be considered as perfectly stationary, or at least endowed with a rate of motion too insignificant to be either appreciable or important.

¶ I scarcely know whether it is an observation worthy of being committed to paper, that the sea, unless perhaps under circumstances of the most extraordinary agitation, does not in itself appear to be the parent of the slightest sound; unopposed by any material obstacle, an awful stillness seems to reign over its motions. Nor do I think that even under any circumstances, no matter how violent, can any considerable disturbance arise from the conflict of its own opposing members. The impossibility of ever having been placed in a situation to bring this fact under the cognizance of our senses, is no doubt the reason why it has never before been noticed. On the shore or in the sea no one has ever been present, independent of that material support, the absence of which is necessary to the success of the experiment: it is in the balloon alone, suspended in elastic ether, that such a phenomenon could ever have been verified or observed.

‡ At no time however did we experience the slightest onset upon our bodies, proceeding from the diminished pressure of the atmosphere; nor from my own observations, and still more those of Mr. Green (whose experiences in such matters far outweighs that of all the aeronautical world together), should I be inclined to believe that any such effects as are currently attributed to this diminished pressure have any existence at all; at least at an elevation to which any person has hitherto been enabled to arrive. The impressions experienced in the ascent of high mountains, which have no doubt led to the adoption of such opinions, and induced aeronauts, with more regard to fame than veracity, to anticipate and assert effects they thought they would have experienced had they reached the elevation they vainly would have the credit for, owe their existence to another cause, and proceed from the inordinate muscular exertion and its consequences upon the circulating system developed in the attempt. I am aware that great names appear in array against such an opinion, and likewise that nothing but the having arrived at the same altitude, without experiencing the same results, can authorize the adoption of another's experience. If however, at an altitude of three miles and three quarters, no symptom whatever is to be felt of those effects which at a quarter of a mile further evince themselves by such terrific consequences, the world is at least at liberty to exercise its own judgment upon the case.



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THE GREAT BALLOON.

From a Sketch by Robert Holland Esq^r.

F. C. Westley, 162. Piccadilly

Account of the late Aeronautical Expedition from London to Weilburg, accomplished by Robert Holland, Esq., Monck Mason, Esq., and Charles Green, Aeronaut. London, 1836.

We wish the distinction of rank—which, to refer to the strict letter of the legal table of precedence, is now-a-days treated very loosely—had been omitted from the title-page of this publication. It is absurd in the exposition of a matter so purely scientific, and can have no other effect than that of ministering to individual vanity, and offending the good sense of the reader.

Mr. MASON's main object in this narrative is to show that Mr. GREEN has completely succeeded in overcoming the difficulties that have hitherto impeded the progress of aërostation, and after submitting the facts to the public, he saves them the trouble of coming to a conclusion, by deciding the question himself. "This success," he observes in the last page, after describing the voyage, "I feel no hesitation in now declaring to be complete." Mr. MONCK MASON's declaration, however, is not sufficient to satisfy people who require specific proof and complete authority; and it would have been more discreet to have left his narrative to answer for itself.

The obstacles that have lain in the way of previous aeronauts were—1, the uncertainty and expense of inflation with hydrogen gas; 2, the impossibility of remaining in the air a sufficient time to accomplish any considerable distance; 3, the dangers attendant upon aërostation; and 4, the want of power to give at will a direction to the course of the balloon. These obstacles, or a part of them, are stated, not very clearly, to have been overcome by Mr. GREEN, after a series of experiments. 1. By the substitution of coal gas for hydrogen gas, which not only includes a diminution of expense and risk, but the further advantage of being capable of longer retention in the balloon, on account of not bearing an equal affinity to the surrounding atmosphere, and being consequently less liable to escape. There are other advantages of equal importance, observes Mr. MASON, but he does not state what they are. 2. By an ingenious contrivance for sustaining the level of the balloon, without throwing out the ballast to stay her descent, or discharging gas to controul its ascent, processes which, it is evident, must exhaust the power of the machine. The contrivance consists of a rope, of proper magnitude and extent, which trails upon the earth beneath, or, if over the sea, a quantity of liquid ballast in floating vessels, which equally resist the tendency to ascend, and which, by being drawn up as occasion requires, have, of course, an opposite effect. This process has been tested, and, therefore, we have no right to question the validity of the assertion that it is final and complete; but suppose it were desirable that the balloon should be suffered to ride at a greater height, for scientific purposes, than Mr. GREEN has yet attempted, is it likely that the expedient would answer with equal certainty? 3. Upon this obstacle Mr. MASON says very little, and proves nothing. He cites the fact that Mr. GREEN has made two hundred and twenty-six ascents without incurring a single accident, and concludes, therefore, that under skilful management, there is really no peculiar risk connected with aërostation. "I do not hesitate to say," observes Mr. MASON, "that the practice of aërostation is as devoid of extraordinary danger as that of any other mode of conveyance hitherto adopted." Mr. MASON, it appears, seldom hesitates, but nevertheless he will find some difficulty in persuading other people that a balloon is "as devoid of extraordinary danger" as a post-chaise, which is another "mode of conveyance." This is the species of argument which the logicians designate as the argument that proves too much. 4. Upon this obstacle, the most important of all, since it involves the great point which stands in the way of rendering aërostation useful to mankind, Mr. MASON says nothing. It is the only part of the subject about which he hesitates. He considers that the discussion of the question "would tend to a considerable digression," and he accordingly reserves it for a future opportunity.

These are the only practical points in the brochure. The remainder is occupied with Mr. MASON's account of the incidents of the voyage, which, considering the interest and novelty of the subject, has on the whole disappointed us. The narrative is not well written: it is full of misconstructions in the mechanism of the composition, and the style throughout exhibits a perpetual compromise between grandiloquence and poverty of expression. There was abundant scope for good writing, for picturesque descriptions, and a striking statement of individual impressions. But we miss these features, for which we looked with some curiosity. Setting aside the defects, however, there are a few pages not destitute of intrinsic interest.

After the balloon had crossed the Straits of Dover, night had completely set in, and as the moon was not visible, the aeronauts had no other clue to the course they were traversing than the lights that were spreading in every direction on the earth beneath them. This is one of the best pictures in the whole.

The scene itself was one which exceeds description. The whole plane of the earth's surface, for many and many a league around, as far and farther than the eye distinctly could embrace, seemed absolutely teeming with the scattered fires of a watchful population, and exhibited a starry spectacle below that almost rivalled in brilliancy the remoter lustre of the concave firmament above. Incessantly during the earlier portion of the night, ere the vigilant inhabitants had finally retired to rest, large sources of light, betokening the presence of some more extensive community, would appear just looming above the distant horizon in the direction in which we were advancing, bearing at first no faint resemblance to the effect produced by some vast conflagration, when seen from such a distance as to preclude the minute investigation of its details. By degrees, as we drew nigh, this confused mass of illumination would appear to increase in intensity, extending itself over a larger portion of the earth, and assuming a distinct form, and a more imposing appearance, until at length, having attained a position from whence we could more immediately direct our view, it would gradually resolve itself into its parts, and shooting out into streets, or spreading into squares, present us with the most perfect model of a town, diminished only in size, according to the elevation from which we happened at the time to observe it.

Our author justly observes that it would be impossible to convey any adequate idea of the effect which this extraordinary scene was calculated to create.

That we were, by such a mode of conveyance, amid the vast solitude of the skies, in the dead of night, unknown and unnoticed, secretly and silently reviewing kingdoms, exploring territories, and surveying cities, in such rapid succession as scarcely to afford time for criticism or conjecture, was in itself a consideration sufficient to give sublimity to far less interesting scenes than those which formed the subject of our present contemplations.

Thus they traversed a part of the continent of Europe, passing over cities and villages which they distinguished only by their artificial illuminations.

Among these latter, one in particular, both from its own superior attractions, the length of time it continued within our view, and the uninterrupted prospect which our position directly above it, enabled us to command, captivated our attention and elicited constant expressions of mingled admiration and surprise. Situated in the centre of a district which actually appeared to blaze with the innumerable fires wherewith it was studded in every direction to the full extent of all our visible horizon, it seemed to offer in itself, and at one glance, an epitome of all those charms which we had been previously observing in detail. The perfect correctness with which every line of street was marked out by its particular line of fires; the forms and positions of the more important features of the city, the theatres and squares, the markets and public buildings, indicated by the presence of the larger and more irregular accumulation of lights, added to the faint murmur of a busy population still actively engaged in the pursuits of pleasure or the avocations of gain, all together combined to form a picture which for singularity and effect certainly could never have been before conceived. This was the city of Liege, remarkable from the extensive iron-works which, abounding in its neighbourhood, occasioned the peculiar appearance already described, and at the time led to that conjecture, concerning its identity, the truth of which a subsequent enquiry enabled us to confirm.

This description of Liege—the correctness of which we do not call into question—appears to us rather strange. Mr. COTTERELL's non-works, lying in the valley of the junction of the Meuse and the Ourt, in which, indeed, the whole town may be said to be built, sufficiently account for the blaze of innumerable lights, but the lines of fires marking the streets, and the forms and positions of markets, squares, &c., are not very clear to us. Liege is now lighted better than it used to be, but to the earth passenger it still presents a series of dark, dingy passages, which it is difficult to reconcile to the distinct representation of its anatomy by the means of its lamps to the eyes of the aeronauts. But it is probable that such an effect would be produced at their elevation by a collection of lights that would appear very scanty to an individual passing through the streets.

With one extract more we conclude. It is a description of a startling incident which occurred during the voyage, and which, to the inexperienced in these matters, will appear very terrifying.

It was about half-past three in the morning, when the balloon, having gained a sudden accession of power, owing to a discharge of ballast, which had taken place a few minutes before, while navigating too near the earth to be considered perfectly safe in a country, with the main features of which we were totally unacquainted, began to rise with considerable rapidity, and ere we had taken the customary means to check her ascent, had already attained an elevation of upwards of twelve thousand feet. At this moment, while all around is impenetrable darkness and stillness, and darkness most profound, an unusual explosion issues from the machine above, followed instantaneously by a violent rustling of the silk, and all the signs which may be supposed to accompany the bursting of the balloon, in a region where nothing but itself exists to give occasion to such awful and unnatural disturbance. In the same instant, the car, as if suddenly detached from its hold, becomes subjected to a violent concussion, and appears at once to be in the act of sinking with all its contents, into the dark abyss below. A second and a third explosion follow in quick succession, accompanied by a recurrence of the same astounding effects; leaving not a doubt upon the mind of the unconscious voyager of the fate which nothing now appears capable of averting. In a moment after all is tranquil and secure; the balloon has recovered her usual form and stillness, and nothing appears to designate the unnatural agitation to which she has been so lately and unaccountably subjected.

The cause of this phenomenon (we take Mr. MASON's word) is simple enough. The excessive cold of the night had congealed the net-work of the balloon, previously saturated with moisture, and its enlargement in rising from a lower to a higher position in the atmosphere, occasioned the shock in the sudden pressure by which the meshes of the net-work were liberated from their frozen state. The feeling of the descent of the car was evidently erroneous, for in fact it actually sprang up; but the unexpectedness of the motion easily produced a false impression.

DESCENT OF Mr. GREEN'S BALLOON IN HOLLAND. Grub Street.

November 7th 1836.

On Monday last, at half-past one, Mr. Green, accompanied by Mr. Monck Mason, and Mr. Holland, made his long-projected ascent in his Balloon, from Vauxhall Gardens, with the view of crossing the Channel. The Balloon went off in a south-easterly direction, and was visible for a length of time. There was upwards of a ton weight of ballast (water) in the car, besides some brandy and wine, a supply of coffee, meat, and other stores of that description. They had furnished themselves with blue lights, stars, &c. in order, if they should not come to the end of their journey before dark, they might be enabled to choose a proper spot for their descent.—At half-past four the Balloon reached Canterbury, & which was plainly seen floating in the air towards the Continent: The voyagers descended so close to the earth at Blue Bell Hill, between Canterbury and Dover, as to be able to inform the passengers of the Chatham coach, that they were bound for France. A letter from Paris, dated Monday night, nine o'clock, states that the balloon was seen suspended over that city, with a blue light attached to it, and that it was proceeding in the direction of Holland.

The following Letter is from the Herald of this Day;—

SIR—Supposing you will feel interested in the fate of our intrepid countrymen, I hasten immediately on my arrival to inform you that an hour previous to our departure, yesterday (Saturday) morning, Mr. Green's Balloon descended in perfect safety on the estate of an English resident, James Davis, Esq., formerly chief Bailiff of Birmingham, which is situated about two miles from Rotterdam. I am unable to give further particulars, which no doubt you will receive by to-morrow's packet.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

E. BRIDGEMAN, Captain.

Ramona Packet, off Custom House Stairs. Sunday Night.

[The Dutch Papers had not arrived at the time of our going to Press]

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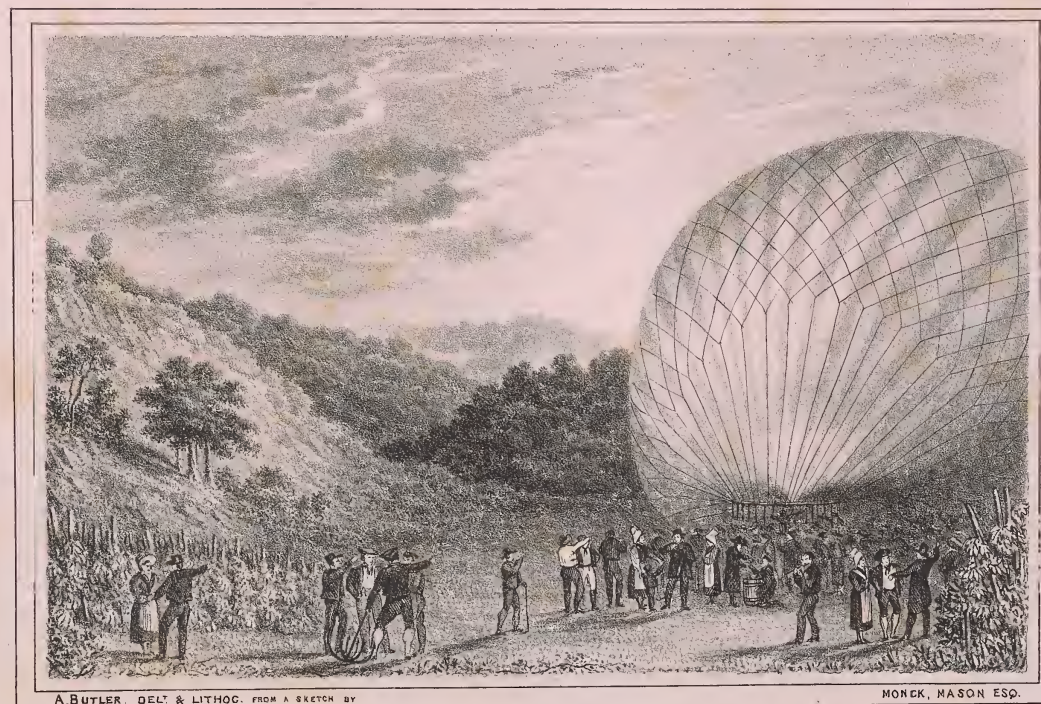
ENVIRONS OF LIÈGE, SEEN FROM THE BALLOON AT NIGHT.



A. BUTLER, LITH. FROM A SKETCH BY

MONCK MASON, ESQ.

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THE GREAT BALLOON,
ON ITS DESCENT AT WEILBURG.

Dec. 24. 1836
MR MONCK MASON'S ACCOUNT OF THE
AERONAUTICAL EXPEDITION.
FROM LONDON TO WEILBURG.

WE are indebted to this gentleman for an opportunity of setting before our readers some of the interesting particulars of the grand voyage accomplished by him, Mr Robert Holland, and Mr Charles Green, in the Royal Balloon. The account * is well written, and is far more romantic than most romances. At a season when all the world is crowding round the fire to relate and listen to stories the most wild and wonderful, some passages from Mr Monck Mason's narrative will surely claim the attentive regard of every ear, for nothing more marvellous will startle the imagination of youth or age during this merry Christmas.

Passing over the relation of all the circumstances connected with the start, and the progress of the balloon over England, we come to the description of the effect presented, just as the voyagers were quitting their native shore:—

"It would be impossible not to have been struck with the grandeur of the prospect at this particular moment of our voyage; the more especially as the approaching shades of night rendered it a matter of certainty that it would be the last in which earth would form a prominent feature, that we might expect to enjoy for a considerable lapse of time. Behind us, the whole line of English coast, its white cliffs melting into obscurity, appeared sparkling with the scattered lights, which every moment augmented, among which the light-house at Dover formed a conspicuous feature, and for a long time served as a beacon whereby to calculate the direction of our course. On either side below us the interminable ocean spread its complicated tissue of waves without interruption or curtailment, except what arose from the impending darkness, and the limited extent of our own perceptions; on the opposite side a dense barrier of clouds rising from the ocean like a solid wall fantastically surmounted, throughout its whole length, with a gigantic representation of parapets and turrets, batteries and bastions, and other features of mural fortifications, appeared as if designed to bar our further progress, and completely obstructed all view of the shores, towards which we were now rapidly drawing nigh. In a few minutes after, we had entered within its dusky limits, and for a while became involved in the double obscurity of the surrounding vapours and of the gradual approach of night. Not a sound now reached our ears; the beating of the waves upon the British shores had already died away in silence, and from the ordinary effects of terrestrial agitation our present position had effectually excluded us.

"In this situation, we prepared to avail ourselves of those contrivances, the merits of which, as I have already stated, it was one of the main objects of our expedition to ascertain: and consequently to provide against the loss of power by the increase of weight proceeding from the humidity of the atmosphere, naturally to be expected on the approach of night, we commenced lowering the copper vessels which we had provided for the occasion.

"Scarcely, however, had we completed our design, and were patiently awaiting the descent we had anticipated, when the faint sound of the waves beating against the shore again returned upon our ears, and awakened our attention. The first impression which this event was calculated to convey was, that the wind had changed, and that we were in the act of returning to the shores we had so shortly before abandoned. A glance or two, however, served to show us the fallacy of this impression; the well-known lights of Calais and of the neighbouring shores were already glittering beneath us; the barrier of clouds which I have before mentioned as starting up so abruptly in our path, as abruptly terminated; and the whole adjacent coast of France, variegated with lights, and ripe with all the nocturnal signs of population, burst at once upon our view. We had, in fact, crossed the sea: and in the short space of about one hour, from the time we had quitted the shores of England, were floating tranquilly, though rapidly, above those of our Gallic neighbours."

The accomplishment of such a feat naturally gives an historian a certain grand style of speaking, and accordingly the account proceeds with—"Before dismissing the sea, a word or two seems required," &c. And we confess that we are of that opinion.

But we pass to another scene, presented to the eyes of the intrepid hovers in the air after night had completely closed in:—

"The scene itself was one which exceeds description. The whole plane of the earth's surface, for many and many a league around, as far and farther than the eye distinctly could embrace, seemed absolutely teeming with the scattered fires of a watchful population, and exhibited a starry spectacle below that almost rivalled in brilliancy the remoter lustre of the concave firmament above. Incessantly during the earlier portion of the night, ere the vigilant inhabitants had finally retired to rest, large sources of light, betokening the presence of some more extensive community, would appear just looming above the distant horizon in the direction in which we were advancing, bearing at first no faint resemblance to the effect produced by some vast conflagration, when seen from such a distance as to preclude the minute investigation of its details. By degrees, as we drew nigh, this confused mass of illumination would appear to increase in intensity, extending itself over a larger portion of the earth, and assuming a distincter form and a more imposing appearance, until at length, having attained a position from whence we could more immediately direct our view, it would gradually resolve itself into its parts, and shooting out into streets, or spreading into squares, present us with the most perfect model of a town, diminished only in size, according to the elevation from which we happened at the time to observe it."

At one part of their course the effect must have been singularly vivid and startling.

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But let us trace them into the thick dark, the

palpable obscure of night. There is something to make us shudder in the following description:—

"Nothing, in fact, could exceed the density of the night which prevailed during this period of the voyage. Not a single object of terrestrial nature could any where be distinguished; an unfathomable abyss of 'darkness visible' seemed to encompass us on every side; and as we looked forward into its black obscurity, in the direction in which we were proceeding, we could scarcely avoid the impression that we were cleaving our way through an interminable mass of black marble in which we were imbedded, and which, solid a few inches before us, seemed to soften as we approached, in order to admit us still farther within the precincts of its cold and dusky enclosure. Even the lights which at times we lowered from the car, instead of dispelling, only tended to augment the intensity of the surrounding darkness, and as they descended deeper into its frozen bosom, appeared absolutely to melt their way onward by means of the heat which they generated in their course."

"At this moment, while all around is impenetrable darkness and stillness, and darkness most profound, an unusual explosion issues from the machine above, followed instantaneously by a violent rustling of the silk, and all the signs which may be supposed to accompany the bursting of the balloon, in a region where nothing but itself exists to give occasion to such awful and unnatural disturbance. In the same instant the car, as if suddenly detached from its hold, becomes subjected to a violent concussion, and appears at once to be in the act of sinking, with all its contents, into a dark abyss below. A second and a third explosion follow in quick succession, accompanied by a recurrence of the same astounding effects; leaving not a doubt upon the mind of the unconscious voyager of the fate which nothing now appears capable of averting. In a moment after all is tranquil and secure; the balloon has recovered her usual form and stillness, and nothing appears to designate the unnatural agitation to which she has been so lately and unaccountably subjected."

"From out of this mass of vapours, more than once during the night our ears became assailed with sounds bearing so strong a resemblance to the rushing of waters in enormous volumes, or the beating of the waves upon some extensive line of coast, that it required all our powers of reasoning, aided by the certain knowledge we had of the direction we were pursuing, to remove the conviction that we were approaching the precincts of the sea, and transported by the winds, were either thrown back upon the shores of the German ocean, or about to enter upon the remoter limits of the Baltic."

The extraordinary effects at sunrise follow:—
"It was about six o'clock, during an ascent which occurred shortly after we had crossed this river, that the balloon having reached a considerable elevation, showed us our first view of the sun, and gladdened us with the prospect of a speedy approach of day. Powerful, indeed, must be the pen which could hope to do justice to a scene like that which here presented itself to our view. The enormous extent of the prospect—the boundless variety it embraced—the unequalled grandeur of the objects it displayed—the singular novelty of the manner under which they were beheld—and the striking contrast they afforded to that situation and those scenes, to which we had so long and so lately been confined, are effects and circumstances which no description is capable of representing in the light in which they ought to be placed, in order to be duly appreciated."

"This splendid spectacle, however, we were not long destined to enjoy; a rapid descent,

which shortly after ensued, for a while concealed it from our view, and once more consigning us to the shades of night, which still continued to reign unbroken throughout the lower region of the air.

"Again we rose within the reach of this delightful prospect; and again did we lose sight of it, amid the vapours and obscurity that accompanied our descent; nor was it till we had three times made the sun rise, and twice beheld it set that we could fairly consider it established above the horizon, and daylight complete upon the plane of the earth beneath us."

We conclude with the account of the descent:—

"The place so selected was a small grassy vale, of about a quarter of a mile in breadth, embosomed in hills, whose sides and summits were completely enveloped with trees. Beyond this, on the opposite side, lay another valley of the same description; the only one visible for many miles, where we could conveniently effect our landing; an endless succession of forest scenery completing the landscape in the direction in which we should have to proceed. Into the former of these we now precipitated our descent, with the design of alighting, if possible, in the centre, clear of the woods that enclosed it on all sides. In these hopes we were, however, disappointed; the wind suddenly increasing as we approached the ground, so much accelerated the onward progress of the balloon, that before the grapnel could take effectual hold of the soil we had passed the middle of the valley, and sweeping rapidly over the ground, were borne close against the wooded declivity that flanked its eastern termination. To discharge a sufficiency of ballast to raise the balloon, and carry her clear of the impending danger, was the natural remedy. An unexpected obstacle to this operation here again presented itself: the sand which forms the halast, frozen during the night into a solid block of stone, refused to quit the bag in the proportion required; and no time remained to search for one more suited to the occasion. Not a moment was, in fact, to be lost; the valley was passed, and the branches of the trees that clotted the opposing precipice were already within a few feet of the balloon; the grapnel continued to drag, and no chance appeared of arresting her progress onward. In this emergency one alternative alone remained, and the sack itself, with all its contents, to the amount of fifty-six pounds in weight, were at once consigned to the earth. In a moment the balloon, lightened of so large a portion of her burden, had sprung up above one thousand feet, and clearing the mountain at a bound, was soon in rapid progress to the realms above. To counteract the consequence of this sudden accession of power, and avoid being carried beyond the reach of the second valley, which we have already described as the only other available spot for our descent, the valve was again opened, and issue given to a large quantity of gas; sufficient, as was calculated, to check the course of the balloon in time to enable us to attain the point to which all our views were now directed. A second time, however, we were doomed to be disappointed. No sooner had we completed this manoeuvre than, by another caprice of nature, the wind suddenly abating, we found ourselves at once becalmed, and rapidly descending into the bosom of the woods that capped the summit, and clothed the sides of the intervening eminences. From this dilemma we were only relieved by the timely discharge of a further portion of our weight; not, however, before the accelerated descent of the balloon had brought us within a cable's length of the ground, and almost in contact with the upper surface of the wood. Here, for a few moments, we continued to hover; the grapnel struggling with the top-most branches of the trees, and grasping and relinquishing its

* The length of the cable to which the grapnel is attached is about one hundred and twenty feet.

hold according to the varying impulse of the slight wind that prevailed at our elevation. While in this situation we perceived, standing in the path of the wood, two females, the first inhabitants we had noticed, lost in astonishment, and absolutely petrified with gazing upon so astounding an apparition. It was in vain we addressed them with a speaking-trumpet, in the hopes of procuring the assistance of some of the male population, which we conjectured could not be far off; the sound of our voices, proceeding from such an altitude, and invested with such an unearthly character, only augmented their astonishment, and added to their fears; they fled incontinently, and without waiting further parley sought the shelter of the neighbouring coverts.

After continuing for a few minutes longer in these straits, we at length reached the confines of the wood; when, resolving not to be again baffled in our designs by the treacherous inconstancy of the wind, the valve was opened to its fullest dimensions, and the grapnel taking hold shortly after, we came to the ground with considerable, though by no means, disagreeable rapidity.

It was half-past seven when they quitted the car, and the descent was fairly completed; the duration of the voyage was therefore eighteen hours. It should be remarked that "the exact spot where the event took place was in a field adjacent to a mill, known by the name of Dillhausen, situated in the valley of Elbern, in the commune of Niederhausen, about two leagues from the town of Weilburg; already, by a curious coincidence, noted in the annals of aerostation as the place where the celebrated M. Blanchard effected his landing after an ascent which he made at Frankfort in the year 1785."

Dec. 24. 1836
GREAT VAUXHALL BALLOON.—On Monday evening this great balloon arrived in Paris from Weilburg, where, as has been already observed, it descended, after its long and interesting voyage from London. The curiosity excited by its novel appearance was excessive at places where it stopped along the road. The balloon and accessories having been placed in a car, the whole was raised upon the springs of a carriage, and being covered in, somewhat in the form of a laudau, served as a conveyance for two of the rest of the party, Mr. Green and Mr. Monck Mason, who accompanied it to Paris. The hospitable attentions which, we understand, the aeronauts received from every description of persons at Weilburg reflect great credit upon the inhabitants of that place, and merit the admiration and observance even of countries preferring greater claims to courtesy and the arts of civilized society. No sooner was their landing made known, than every one seemed to vie with each other in bestowing aid or conferring honour upon the enterprising strangers. The use of the Ducal manège was immediately tendered for the occupation of the balloon, and military sentries, more indeed as a guard of honour than of defence, posted at the gates and the avenues leading to the place of its reception. Public balls, dinners, and other festivals, were given in succession, and the thanks and congratulations of the city presented to the aeronauts by a deputation of the principal citizens, headed by their first civil officer, in the form of a document duly signed and sealed by the competent authorities. Among the festive ceremonies to which the unexpected arrival of the gigantic visitor at Weilburg gave rise, we must not omit to mention the ceremony of christening, which took place the day previous to its departure; the Baron de Bibra, Grand Master of the Woods and Forests, and the Colonel Baron de Preen, being the godfathers; and the Baroness de Bibra and the Baroness de Dungereau the godmothers, on the occasion. The balloon was then inflated to the greatest extent the limits of the place would admit; eight young ladies, accompanied by Mr. Green, entered within this distended sphere, and the name of "The Great Balloon of Nassau" having been bestowed by one of their number, Mademoiselle Theresa, the lovely and amiable daughter of the Baron de Bibra, accompanied by a copious libation of wine, the ceremony was concluded under presentation of arms, with other military honours, and a collation, consisting of the remains of the various articles which the daring aeronauts had provided in case of adverse circumstances, by forcing them to sea or otherwise, should have compelled them to extend the duration of their voyage beyond its probable or anticipated limits.

The colossal balloon is now placed in the Hotel de Ville. It has been partly filled with atmospheric air, by means of a simple machine, and presents a most enormous mass. Mr. Green on Friday attended at the hotel, and gave to all who understood English interesting details of the late aerial voyage. The proprietors have not yet been able to find a place either for the public exhibition of the colossal machine, or for its ascension. They still, however, entertain hopes of being able to succeed in carrying the project into effect. Several men of scientific eminence, who have been favoured with a private view, speak in the highest terms of its admirable construction and arrangement for every purpose of aerostation. Dec. 1836

The "Monstrous" Balloon.

Oh! the Balloon, the great balloon!
It left Vauxhall on Monday at noon,
And every one said we should hear of it soon
With news from Aleppo or Scanderoon.
But very soon after, folks changed their tune;
"The netting had burst - the silk - the shalloon;
It had met with a trades wind - a deuced monsoon -
It was blown out to sea - it was blown to the moon -
They ought to have put off their journey till June;
Sure none but a donkey, a goose, or baboon,
Would go up in November, in any balloon!"
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Stay! here's Miter Gye - Mr. Frederick Gye.
"At Paris," says he, "I've been up very high,
A couple of hundred of toises, or nigh,
A cockstride the Tuileries' pantiles to spy.
With Holland's best telescope stuck at my eye,
And my umbrella under my arm, like Paul Pry,
But I could see nothing at all but the sky;
So I thought with myself 'twas of no use to try
Any longer; and feeling remarkably dry
From sitting all day stuck up there, like a Guy,
I came down again, and - you see - here am I!"

But here's Mr. Hughes! - what says young Mr. Hughes?
"Why, I'm sorry to say, we've got no good news
Since the letter they threw down in one of their shoes,
As he popp'd up his eye-glasses to look at their cruise,
Over Dover."
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Here's news come at last! Here's news come at last!
A vessel's come in, which has sailed very fast;
And a gentleman serving before the mast,
Miter Nokes, has declared that "the party had part
Safe across to the Hague, where their grapnel they cast
As a fat burgomaster was staring aghast
To see such a monster come home on the blast;
And it caught in breeches, and there it stuck fast!"

Oh! fie! Miter Nokes, - for shame, Mr. Nokes!
To be poking your fun at us plain dealing folks.
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Hurra! hurra! one and eightpence to pay
For a letter from Hamborough, just come to say
They descended at Weilburgh about break of day;
And they've lent them the palace there, during their stay,
And the town is becoming uncommonly gay,
And they're feasting the party, and soaking their clay
With Johannisberg, Rudesheim, Moselle, and Tokay;
And the landgraves, and margraves, and counts beg and pray
That they won't think, as yet, about going away;
Notwithstanding, they don't mean to make much delay,
And pack up the balloon in a waggon or dray,
And pop themselves into a German "po-shay,"
And get on to Paris by Lille and Tournay;
Where they boldly declare, any wager they'll lay,
If the gas people there do not ask them to pay
Such a sum as must force them at once to say "Nay,"
They'll inflate the balloon in the Champs Elysees,
And be back again here the beginning of May.
Dear me! what a treat for a juvenile fete!
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And they're they'll be seen - they'll be all to be seen!
The great coats, the coffee pot, meags, and tureen!
With the light ropes, and fire works, and dancing between,
If the weather should only prove fair and serene,
And there, on a beautiful transparent screen,
In the middle you'll see a large picture of Green,
With Holland on one side, who hired the machine,
And Monk Mason on tother, describing the scene;
And Fame on one leg in the air, like a queen,
With three wreaths and a trumpet, will over them lean;
While Envy, in serpents and black bombazine,
Looks on from below with an air of chagrin.

